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U-TURN ON HOURS AT INJURIES UNIT

By Katy-Rose Meaney

OPENING hours at Cannock's Minor Injuries Unit will no longer be extended – despite a pledge by health bosses who took over the service in March.

The Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust, which runs Cannock Hospital, said it had no plans to extend the service.

The MIU's opening hours were cut in December in a bid by Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to save £750,000. Four months ago, when the trust took over control of the Brunswick Road hospital, Tim Powell, the deputy chief operating officer, said the trust would 'extend the service offer as soon as is practicable'.

Gwen Nuttall, chief operating officer for the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, said: "The decision to reduce the hours was made by commissioners before we took responsibility for the service.

"We were pleased to take over the service at the time and we remain pleased with the service we are providing for the local population.

"We will always look at service demand and currently we are happy with the quality of care we provide for people in the hours the MIU is open. Like all services, we are always monitoring how successful they are and we are pleased with the way the MIU is operating but we don't have any current plans to extend the opening hours."

Confused

Cannock Chase District Council leader George Adamson said he was disgusted but not surprised by the decision. The Labour group leader fought to save the original opening hours from being cut and said it was a financially motivated decision, not a medical one. He said: "The CCG are refusing to pay for longer hours. The hours need to be extended but I am not optimistic that they will ever be prepared to fund it when they are talking about cutting more NHS services in Cannock."

He added: "I am still receiving complaints from people who are confused about the opening times and where best to go for what service.

"It has been a complete farce from start to finish. The CCG went against public opinion, the consultation was clear, but they still reduced the hours."

The MIU opened in 2006 and used to be open from 8am until midnight. The CCG had planned to shut the unit completely but were faced with a petition. Richard Caddy, spokesman for Cannock Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Demand has been carefully monitored since the reduction in hours and is minimal outside the current opening times. Other measures are being put in place, such as increased access to local GP surgeries."

KEEN ANGLER NETS £80,000 SCRATCHCARD PRIZE

Kieron Vernon celebrates his win – 'I needed a few bits and bobs from the Co-op and decided to buy a scratchcard at the same time'

A RUGELEY angler is celebrating after landing the biggest catch of his life – the £80,000 top prize on a National Lottery scratchcard.

The phrase 'the early bird catches the worm' certainly applies to lucky Kieron Vernon, aged 21, who bought his Bejeweled Hypercash Scratchcard, from National Lottery GameStore, early one morning when with his younger brother. It wasn't until he got home that he realised that he had won – screaming so loudly that he woke the rest of the family.

Kieron said: "My younger brother Justin is a window cleaner, and I went out with him as he started his rounds at 7am. I needed a few bits and bobs from the Co-op and decided to buy a scratchcard at the same time.

"I walked back home and asked my dad to check the details of the scratchcard on the laptop for me. We weren't 100 per cent about winning the top prize so had to wait until 9am to call The National Lottery. The next few hours are a bit of a blur but I put the winning scratchcard in the case of my PlayStation game for safe keeping until I knew the prize was mine."

Kieron is a big Wolverhampton Wanderers fan but also has a passion for fly fishing. One of his favourite pools is Chorley Spring Fisheries in Chorley.

Kieron is giving away half of his winnings, which will be shared among his family including his mother, father, grandmother, aunt, uncle and younger brother.

He is going to invest some of the money, but top of his shopping list are two mopeds for him and his brother so they can learn to ride together. Kieron is also going to use the money to pay for driving lessons.

Kieron bought his winning Bejeweled Hypercash Scratchcard at the Co-op in Springfield Road, Rugeley. There is a one in 4.24 overall chance of winning a prize on the Bejeweled Hypercash Scratchcard. The card costs £2 and prizes vary from £2 to £80,000.

Kieron in familiar pose at Chorley Spring Fisheries, one of his favourite places

M6 TOLL

Driver hit 113mph as baby was crying

A MOTORIST caught driving at 113mph on the M6 Toll told officers he was speeding because his baby was crying.

The Central Motorway Police Group clocked the man between T4 and T5 near Shenstone on Monday afternoon.

The group posted on Twitter: "Vehicle stopped 113 mph on the M6 Toll. He was rushing home because the baby on board was crying."

Last week a lorry was stopped driving on the wrong side of the road, while in June a motorist was clocked at 149mph between T7 for Cannock and T5 for Shenstone.

TRAVEL

Co-op team win top award again

THE team at Co-operative Travel in Market Hall Street, Cannock, are celebrating after scooping a national travel award for the second year in a row.

The travel agent, which is part of The Midcounties Co-operative Society, won Best National Large High Street Agency of the Year at the Agent Achievement Awards.

The team also picked up Central England Large Agency of the Year for the third year running. The awards are organised by Travel Weekly magazine.

BUSINESS

Go Bananas to be an industrial unit

THE site of a former children's play centre in Burntwood is being refurbished – but it will not reopen as a soft play centre, the landlord has announced.

Go Bananas, on Burntwood Business Park, closed in January after a dispute over unpaid rent between the owner Tim Hall and London & Cambridge Properties.

The closure left 90 parents out of pocket, with £4,500 paid in deposits for parties. Fourteen workers were made redundant.

Builders are now working on the unit. Jayne Howarth, spokesperson for London and Cambridge Properties said it will be let out to an industrial firm.

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Demand leads to 12 extra vacancies

Conor Crutchley

CANNOCK-BASED recruitment software provider Recruitive is looking to significantly increase its head count thanks to an increase in demand for its cloud-based software technology.

Recruitive provides both in-house recruiters and recruitment agencies with software designed to make the recruitment process more efficient and cost-effective, helping to reduce the time it takes to distribute job vacancy adverts, and the manual process of sifting through thousands of CVs.

Currently employing 26 staff, the company is looking to recruit a further 12 employees within the next 12 months. Managing director Richard Clarke said: "It gives me great pleasure to provide the local community with some really exciting career opportunities and I look forward to adding to the fantastic team that we already have.

"We pride ourselves on excellent customer service, which helps us to set ourselves apart from our competitors, so ensuring we get the right employees that share our caring ethos. In return we provide them with great career prospects within a growing company that has ambitious plans for the future."

Senior web developer Conor Crutchley is one local who is enjoying success at Recruitive. The 21-year-old from Burntwood, who spent his university placement year at Recruitive, is now celebrating a First Class Degree with Honors in Multimedia Computing.

Conor said: "It has been a long four years of hard studying but the support I have received from Recruitive has been amazing. I am now looking forward to focusing on my career and putting everything I have learned into practise."

For more information about the firm, visit www.recruitive.com

Campaigners dealt blow as Ivy House up for sale

A CAMPAIGN to save Cannock's historic Ivy House has been dealt a huge blow after council bosses passed plans to sell off the property.

Staffordshire County Council's cabinet agreed to put the Grade II Listed property on the market, with a timeline set to dispose of the building within two years.

At the same meeting, they also signalled their intent to redevelop space at Stafford's Shire Hall as part of a now-approved list of more than 60 projects focussing on 400 buildings.

More than 1,000 people have lobbied the authority against selling Ivy House after it was earmarked for housing, only for the development to be refused planning permission. The 143-year-old former Chase Hospital site in Wolverhampton Road has stood empty for more than two years.

Margaret Price, who has campaigned for the building to be kept for community use, said: "It is very disappointing to see that the council will go through with these plans to sell off the building.

Example

"The council should not be even thinking of selling it. It should be maintained for the people of Staffordshire. Throughout its rich history the building has been used to serve people's needs and that's the way it should stay.

"If you spoke to anyone in Cannock and asked for directions to Ivy House, everyone would be able to tell you where it is. That is an example of what the building means to people."

The list of projects has been produced as part of a 10-year deal between the council and construction firm Kier called the Penda Property Partnership agreement.

Deputy council leader Ian Parry said: "We want a better use for our assets. What will happen now is that each project will be worked into a business plan and that will come back to the board and be scrutinised and approved or otherwise."

Around 50 buildings owned by the office of the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner are also included in the Penda Property Partnership, but future plans for the premises are yet to be published.

Actor shows the way for teenagers

Daniel Blacker leads the acting class with Simon Blacker and students Chloe Evans and Sophia De'Mendonca

AN actor from Great Wyrley is running new acting-for-camera workshops for teenagers keen to get into the film and TV industry.

Daniel Blacker, 28, attended Wolverhampton Stagecoach from the age of nine to 16 and went on to the Academy of Live and Recorded Arts (ALRA), graduating in 2009.

So far this year, he has been to Los Angeles for a short film making course run by multiple Bafta award winning film maker Michael Clifford, as well as producing his own work and establishing a production company with his brother Simon called Blacker Bros Films.

The former Great Wyrley High School student recently starred in horror comedy film The Snarling.

He is now running the The Junior Acting for Camera Workshops that are designed specially for 13 to 19-year-olds who have a passion for acting. He said: "Everyone is unique, I want people to understand that only they can be the best version of themselves."

Students will be given an in-depth insight into techniques used when acting on camera, how to approach a TV and film script, and the opportunity to film scenes to produce a showreel of work.

Daniel also plans to bring in Michael Parr, Emmerdale's Ross Barton, for a Q&A session with the students. The Junior Acting for Camera Workshops will be at the Priory School in Birmingham from August 24 to 28. Visit www.junioracting.com.

Pervert was trapped by girl's mother on Facebook

A TEENAGER from Rugeley who groomed a 14-year-old girl online, offering her £300 and drugs to pose for naked photographs, was caught out by her mother on Facebook.

Michael Mewis, aged 19, of Lichfield Street, sent the young girl messages on the social media site before the girl's mother took over the conversations, pretending to be her daughter and told police, Stafford Crown Court heard.

Mewis, who was 18 at the time of the offence, admitted inciting a child to sexual activity and was given a suspended youth custody sentence and will be on the sex offenders register for the next 10 years. He also admitted possessing drugs with intent to supply.

Miss Heather Chamberlin, prosecuting, said Lewis sent the girl a message asking her if she wanted to earn some money. She added: "She asked what that meant and the defendant said it involved her taking her clothes off."

He asked to meet her but by then, her mother had taken over the messaging.

"Mewis offered £100, going up to £200, £300 and also offered her 'Kat', presumably Mkat. The messages were asking her to take her clothes off," Miss Chamberlin added.

Police searched his home and found four bags of Mkat, with a street value about £45, and a mobile phone with texts and Facebook messages showing him to be selling the drug.

Mewis was sentenced to eight months youth custody, suspended for 18 months, with drug rehabilitation.

Police called as travellers set up

POLICE are patrolling the area after a group of travellers set up camp in Cannock.

More than half a dozen caravans were parked on private land close to a housing estate at Lakeside Boulevard, Bridgtown, near the A5 Watling Street.

Police say they attended following a number of calls made by residents.

Staffordshire Police spokesman Jane Hoult said: "We have received several calls reporting travellers on land at Lakeside Boulevard, Cannock.

"Officers are currently at the scene and are in the process of trying to contact the landowner."

Cannock Chase District Council said they are not able to deal with the issue as the travellers set up on land not belonging to them.

Probe launched into fire at flat

POLICE are investigating a fire at a flat in Cheslyn Hay which was started deliberately. Fire crews were called to High Street just before 6.30am on Thursday.

A Staffordshire Police spokeswoman said a man in his 50s from Cheslyn Hay was arrested on suspicion of arson.

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Closure of 'poor value' care home is a step closer

A CARE home is a step closer to closure after bosses launched a consultation with affected staff.

Staffordshire County Council is to axe Great Wyrley Community Support Unit, with officers claiming it was not giving value for money.

Around 30 people are employed at the Walsall Road care home, but the council said it was too early to say how many were at risk of losing their jobs. The council has started talks with employees and trade unions.

The talks will take place between now and the end of the month.

The home provides respite care for people with conditions including dementia and learning difficulties.

It has 16 beds but bosses claim there are on average 16 vacancies a night meaning each bed has a gross cost of around £1,500 per week.

Health, care and wellbeing boss Councillor Alan White said the unit was three times as expensive as other local services providing similar care.

As a replacement, the council will look to purchase 10 beds from the 'independent residential care market' in Cannock and South Staffordshire to provide services for current patients.

Once the contracts are in place and the residents are transferred, the Great Wyrley unit will be shut and is likely to be sold by the council unless property officers can find another use.

"After consulting with a wide variety of stakeholders, we have decided to close Great Wyrley CSU, subject to a consultation with staff and trade unions," Councillor White added.

Riders get ready for cycle outing

THE next outing in the Cycle Rides for All series is a six-mile taster from Burntwood Library to Chasewater Country Park on Sunday.

All the rides are graded from one to five for difficulty, with five being the most challenging. This ride has been graded a level two, which means it is suitable for most cyclists.

Anyone who wants to join in should turn up with their bikes at Burntwood Library at 11am. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.

To see the full Cycle Rides for All programme, visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/cyclerides

To check whether a ride is taking place if the weather is uncertain, call Freedom Cycles on 01543 411633 or Karl Sproston on 01543 308846.

Talk will focus on world wars

VOICES From the Past is the topic of a talk to Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society on Thursday, July 30.

Peter Cadman will give the talk, on the First and Second World Wars, at the Salem, High Street, at 7.30pm.

Ian gearing up for the Great Brum Run

Ian Rowlands – inspired to run

A DRAFTSMAN from Burntwood who was once confined to a wheelchair has signed up for the Great Birmingham Run in October after running 13 events in the last two years.

Ian Rowlands, aged 29, was 13 when a car accident left him in a coma for six weeks and in a wheelchair for a year. He broke an arm and a leg in the accident and was airlifted to hospital.

He made a full recovery and in 2013 ran his first half-marathon for the Midlands Air Ambulance as a thank you for saving his life.

Eleven half-marathons and two marathons later, he is showing no sign of stopping. "I was first inspired to start running because I was really into football when I was younger, and my accident prevented me from playing for a really long time," he said.

"I decided I wanted to be a referee and that I needed to get fit, so I started running. I just really enjoyed it, so I just kept running."

Ian decided to run the Brighton Marathon in April 2015 for Teenage Cancer Trust after the charity put him in touch with terminal cancer patient Stephen Sutton in 2014. Stephen made headlines in 2014 for his fundraising efforts and outstanding courage in the face of terminal illness.

Ian was so touched by his story that he decided to run the marathon in his memory. This month he took part in a tandem skydive in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust. The event, organised by Stephen's family, featured 403 skydives, breaking the world record for tandem skydives in a day.

Although Ian is not running in Birmingham for a particular charity, he looks forward to taking part in fundraising events in the near future.

Tears in court as vicious dog has to be destroyed

THE owner of a dangerous dog broke down in tears as a judge told her it will be destroyed and she was given a suspended prison sentence.

Lisa Dean's Alsatian-rottweiler cross, Teddy, was one of three of her dogs that escaped through a broken fence at her former home in Bilston, running onto the street and attacking Raj Rani as she walked her pet, Brandon.

Dean, now of Stafford Road, Cannock, last month pleaded guilty to owning a dog dangerously out of control causing injury and owning a dog dangerously out of control.

The attack happened in Bagnall Road on April 21, with Ms Rani picking up Brandon as they were both mauled by Teddy, leaving her with an injured hand and her pet bleeding heavily from his back due to a large wound.

A week earlier, on April 14, the three dogs had also got through the hedge and were aggressive toward a man walking his dog Rocco in Mill Street, Bilston.

During sentencing at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court, District Judge Graham Wilkinson said: "The second offence is the serious one. Once people like you realise your dog is a danger, you have to do everything to secure that dog, and you didn't.

Danger

"The second time has almost killed a five-year-old's dog, and that is on you. You have got these dogs, it is your job to protect the public from them."

Dean, 41, came outside to get the dogs but did not speak to the victims, Judge Wilkinson said, which was an aggravating factor.

"You didn't stay outside to see if anyone was hurt and how the dog was, you just shut your door and hoped it would go away," he said.

A police report says Teddy is a danger to other dogs, not people, but Judge Wilkinson said: "He becomes a danger to members of the public as they protect their dogs, as Ms Rani did. Your dog wasn't going for her initially, he was going for her dog."

A visibly upset Dean told the court she wanted Teddy back but did not feel she was capable of handling him.

Judge Wilkinson said: "His aggression is the product of the beatings your ex-partner gave him while you stood by and watched."

He sentenced Dean to 12 weeks' prison, suspended for a year, and ordered her to pay costs and compensation of £985.

Cup of victory for Lions float

The Lions float, decked out with an array of decorated shields, took the prize at the carnival

THE Cannock Lions float took the prize at this year's Cannock Carnival.

The carnival had a medieval theme, and the procession was enjoyed by everyone taking part on a gloriously sunny day.

In keeping with this year's theme, the Lions float was decked out with an array of decorated shields and carried a trebuchet – a catapult – used for laying siege.

Fortunately, it wasn't needed on the day as the maiden, knights and a lion who were accompanying the float were met with a warm welcome by the people of Cannock.

The cup was presented by the Carnival Queen to 'Sir' Mick Love, gallant knight and part-time float driver.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling was on hand as Cannock Lions received the cup for best float from the Carnival Queen and Sheila Dunning from the Traders Association.

Cannock Lions meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Roman Way Hotel.

Anyone interested in joining or knowing more about Cannock Lions can contact membership chair Mark Wyton on 0845 3334967.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wind turbine bid rejected again

PLANS for a 242ft-high wind turbine on the edge of Cannock Chase have been thrown out for a second time.

A planning inspector has backed Stafford Borough Council's decision to reject the proposal for land south of Far Coley Farm in Little Haywood.

Caddick Renewables Ltd had appealed against the authority's decision last year. More than 170 residents opposed the plans along with Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy.

The plans were rejected because they would be damaging to the appearance of the rural landscape.

Plans submitted to expand school

TWO new classrooms are to be built at a Cheslyn Hay primary school, under new plans.

The proposals for Glenthorne Primary School have been submitted by Staffordshire County County, which owns the site. It is not yet known if the school will be able to take on more pupils as a result of the expansion.

It is hoped permission will be granted by the county council by September 9. The school is funding the project. Glenthorne Primary has around 170 pupils on roll and was rated 'good' by Ofsted last year.

Church to stage day of readings

HEATH Hayes Spiritualist Church is hosting readings on Saturday, from 10am to midday and 1pm to 4 pm.

The cost is £12 per 30-minute reading with spiritual mediums. Call Joyce on 01543 579755 or 07773 398492 for an appointment, or call in on the day (appointments recommended).

There will be free refreshments and a monthly prize draw for £1 per ticket.

The church is in the cabin on the rear of the car park at the side of Tonic Day Spa, Hednesford Road.

Four injured in crash at M6 Toll junction

FOUR people were taken to hospital after a car hit several street signs at the junction of the M6 Toll exit with the A5 at 7.15pm on Sunday.

The driver, a woman in her 40s, suffered head, leg, back and pelvic injuries and was airlifted to the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

A passenger in her 20s had wrist and facial injuries, a child aged six suffered head injuries, and a man in his 20s had neck pain. They were all taken to New Cross Hospital.

Anniversary display

CHASETOWN'S St Anne's Church, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary, is to hold an exhibition by Peter Walker of the Chase Wakes, which is also marking 150 years. The event on Saturday runs from 1pm until 4pm. The church's own exhibition starts on Monday from 10am to 1pm.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

AS the Greek tragedy drags on a reader writes: "Have you noticed, when spoken quickly, how "euros" sounds just like like "IOUs"?

BROTHERS, let us build the New Jerusalem on brownfield sites. Let us streamline the planning laws to allow all the houses we need to be constructed on the disused land of old factories, railway yards or quarries. The Government has spelt out its vision What could possibly go wrong?

I'LL tell you what could go wrong. I was once shown an old Coal Board map of the known pit shafts, some more than 200 years old, in the Black Country. There were hundreds. In theory, the shafts were all sealed. In reality, some were covered with a few wooden planks and a load of soil. The moment you start digging into brownfield sites, you may hit all sorts of nasties. Pit shafts are merely one worry. It is not unknown for 21st century developers to discover 19th century cyanide lagoons. Occasionally, a vehicle plummets into an unknown chamber covered by turf. If Whitehall tears up the planning laws tomorrow, do not expect developers to rush for brownfield sites. They much prefer the predictable security of a nice green field.

IN a mean-spirited article for the Guardian, Jonathan Jones slagged off the official photographs of Princes Charlotte's christening, ridiculing "their faces lit up by hysterical joy, their hair wispy in the sun, their teeth shining like diamond walls of privilege, and their eyes betraying no signs of thought whatsoever." In other words, the perfect christening snaps. It may come as news to the Guardian but most parents and grandparents want pictures showing their brood at its best, even if it does not reflect the absolute truth. This is why so many homes have framed photographs of Gavin on graduation day, proudly attired in gown and mortar board and clutching £27,000 worth of 2:2 BA in Media Studies. The truth is that Gavin spent most of his time at Uni face-down in an alcoholic haze and eventually landed a washing-up job at the abattoir. But who wants photos of all that? Family snaps are propaganda, not gospel.

A NEIGHBOUR told me she was expecting a bumper crop of gooseberries this year and seemed surprised when I grimaced. Seriously, does anyone really enjoy gooseberries? My stomach turns at the very thought of the texture, the taste and those obscene little prickles. It's like biting into a hairy eyeball with the aftertaste of earwax.

The neighbour says a pot of her gooseberry jam will change my mind. Wanna bet? And do not get me started on guacamole.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Volunteers thanked for commitment

THREE South Staffordshire-based volunteers have been thanked at the third annual conference of Healthwatch Staffordshire for their unstinting commitment and support.

The event at Lea Hall Miner's Welfare Centre and Social Club, in Rugeley, saw a total of six volunteers from across the county rewarded for their commitment to health and social care – including Isabel Ford of Penkridge, as well as Chris Ralston and Caroline Goodfellow, both from Stafford.

Each volunteer was presented with a long-service award by Healthwatch Staffordshire board member Frances Beatty to recognise their dedication to the organisation. Speaking at the event, board member Frances Beatty said: "Isabel Ford is one of our most experienced volunteers, who manages to combine these duties whilst also serving as councillor for South Staffordshire District Council.

"Isabel carries out Enter and View visits in her own inimitable style, forging great links with residents in nursing homes, and with humour and a razor-sharp mind, questioning staff members.

"Isabel is also a much valued member of our Healthwatch Advisory Group."

Anyone interested in volunteering can get details at healthwatchstaffordshire.co.uk/join-us/ or on 0800 051 8371.

Isabel Ford

Plea to former workers over asbestos death

By Marion Brennan

THE family of a former asbestos gasket maker who died from an incurable cancer caused by asbestos exposure is appealing for witnesses to come forward.

They hope to help establish how and where she came into contact with the deadly material. Eileen Haynes died in October 2014 after a short battle with the disease. She was 83.

Eileen Haynes in her working days

Now her niece Sandra Brough has instructed lawyers to investigate how and where her aunt was exposed to asbestos.

Mrs Haynes, who lived in New Street, Hednesford, told her consultant at Stafford Hospital that she believed she breathed in the substance while working for the Copper and Asbestos Washer Company, in Uxbridge Street, Hednesford, where she was employed from around 1949 to 1955.

Her role at the firm was in the manufacturing of copper-coated asbestos gaskets used in the engines of motor vehicles.

Industrial disease lawyers at Irwin Mitchell, who are investigating the case on the family's behalf, say they understand she worked alongside a large number of other local women pressing out the gaskets. Her family believe she was never provided with face masks and that the working environment was very dusty.

Sandra Brough, also from Hednesford, is appealing for anyone who knew her aunt when she worked at the factory, or who previously worked there, to come forward to provide details on the working practices at the business and its use of asbestos materials.

Anyone with information is asked to call 0121 214 5281 or email Satinder.Bains@IrwinMitchell.com

It's the final countdown for singer

Natasha Blundell is in the finals of the Teen Star national singing competition

A TEENAGER from Norton Canes has reached the grand final of a national singing competition.

Natasha Jerawan Blundell, of Jackson Close, has made it through four rounds of the Teen Star competition to reach the final.

Close to 10,000 teenagers from across the UK entered, and the15-year-old, who goes busking regularly in Cannock at weekends, made the final once before in 2013.

Natasha's father Steve Blundell said: "She can't wait, there's always been a nervous feeling but with all the festivals and gigs she's been doing, she's comfortable on stage.

"Natasha's gone through four rounds now at the NEC, they get bigger and bigger as you go along.

"The first round is a closed audition, with acoustic or acapella performances, then after that it has been live shows in front of big audiences." Natasha has found success in a host of national competitions and has sung in front of the likes of Will Young, Sharleen Spiteri and Jamie Cullum.

In recent years she has started songwriting and playing the guitar and is looking to release an EP this year, comprising three of her own tracks

"Natasha has always been musical from being a little dot and picked it up as a hobby when she was around eight," her father added.

The winner of the Teen Star competition will receive an advance of £5,000, with the grand final being held on Saturday at the NEC.

For details visit www.teenstarcompetition.co.uk

M6 closed 16 hours after lorry in flames

A SEVERE lorry fire forced the closure of part of the M6 in Staffordshire for 16 hours, causing traffic chaos for thousands of drivers.

Motorists endured hours of misery after the ferocious blaze melted the Tarmac on the road. Many people took to social media after getting caught up in the delays which affected both sides of the M6 on Saturday.

The Middle of Nowhere Music Festival, which took place over the weekend at Lower Drayton Farm, near Penkridge, was affected.

Farmer Ray Bower, who hosted the blues, rock and folk event that saw international acts perform alongside local bands, said: "We had a fantastic weekend, having sold the highest number of advance tickets to the event to date, and both the music and atmosphere were brilliant.

"However, we're convinced that Saturday's on-the-gate ticket sales were affected by the huge tailbacks caused by the M6 being closed.

"We're only a mile from the scene of the accident, and anyone looking to join us for the day on Saturday travelling from Stafford or further north would have faced huge queues. On-the-gate ticket sales from both Friday and Sunday were far better than those for Saturday – by far the 'biggest' day music wise – and the only reason we can see for this is the accident."

Throughout the closure, emergency services handed out water to some drivers, with reports of stranded motorists walking to Stafford services for supplies.

Drivers injured in crash at junction

A CRASH in Cannock left two drivers needing hospital treatment.

It happened at the junction of Crab Lane and Hednesford Road at 11pm on Wednesday last week. All three emergency services attended. The incident involved a silver Peugeot 206 coupé and a blue Ford Focus saloon.

The driver of the Peugeot, a 28-year-old man from Brierley Hill, was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

The driver of the Ford Focus, a 42-year-old man from Cannock, was taken to New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, with arm and chest injuries.

Their injuries are not life threatening and the road was closed for a short while while a damaged street light was removed. Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting incident number 936 of July 15.

Indie covers band to rock Yew Tree

MODERN indie rock band The Rock Dogs will be playing live at the Yew Tree in Norton Canes tomorrow.

They play covers from the likes of Kings of Leon, Foo Fighters, Stereophonics and Maroon 5. Entry is free, and the band are on stage at 9.15pm.

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Pledge on timescale for line to go electric

THE electrification of the Chase Line will go ahead as planned, despite similar schemes having been put on hold, the Transport Secretary has announced.

It comes after Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling sought assurances that the £72.8 million project, which will enable electric trains to run between Rugeley and Walsall, is still on schedule.

Speaking in Transport Questions in Parliament, she emphasised the importance of the scheme to Cannock Chase residents.

In response, Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin acknowledged the importance of the line, and confirmed that the work is set to be completed by December 2017 as originally intended.

To make room for the overhead wires, bridges have already been rebuilt and the track lowered at a number of locations between Walsall and Rugeley.

Ms Milling said: "I have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that this scheme is not 'paused' as others have been, and I am extremely pleased that Cannock Chase's electrification project will still go ahead as planned.

"I had written to the Secretary of State about the business case for the scheme, and had spoken with him several times about this issue, so I am very grateful he has taken my arguments on board.

"I know my constituents will share my relief at this news."

Landlords to get fire safety advice

A SERIES of events will take place across Staffordshire to inform landlords of new fire safety laws.

From October 1 all landlords will be required to fit at least one smoke alarm on each floor plus a carbon monoxide alarm in rooms containing a solid fuel appliance. They will also need to check all of the alarms are working when a new tenancy starts.

During the sessions, fire officers will give away free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to all landlords who agree to sign up to a home fire risk check, which is also free, for the properties they rent out.

The events, from 11am to 1pm, take place at fire stations in Cannock on August 4, Wombourne on August 12 and Stafford on August 17.

Ale fans set for second festival

THE Cannock Chase sub-branch of the Campaign for Real Ale is preparing for its second annual beer festival.

It will be held at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock, from September 24 to 26 and will feature 70 real ales.

Medals offer to theft victim, aged 97

Adrian Keene, from Essington

WHEN police revealed thieves had stolen a 97-year-old Second World War veteran's treasured haul of medals, the cruel crime was condemned and branded despicable by many.

Among those sickened to learn about the theft was Adrian Keane of Essington who was so concerned that he has kindly offered up his late grandfather's wartime medals to the burglary victim. The cherished medals were stolen from William Fearn's home in Hodge Hill, Birmingham, while he was in hospital.

The Africa Star, Defence Medal, the 1939-1945 Star, and the 1945 War medal, were taken in the raid.

Mr Keane, 61, said: "I heard about the story and felt I needed to do something about it. I was sure I had the same four medals from my grandfather, William George Edwards, hidden away in my house somewhere.

"These medals came into my possession after they were passed down the family line from my mother, who died in 2007. As soon as I heard William's story, I knew in this instance I could and would be able to help.

"So that's what I've tried my best to do. I hope he and his family will like these medals." Originally from South London, Adrian has lived in the West Midlands since 1994. He did not know his grandfather very well as he died when he was four, in 1958.

He felt helping Mr Fearn and offering his grandfather's medals would somehow 'bring the medals back to life'.

Mr Fearn served in North Africa in 1940 before being deployed to Malta.

Anyone with information about the stolen medals is urged to call West Midlands Police on 101.

Cemetery to be built with 500 burial plots

A CEMETERY with space for 500 burials will be built in Norton Canes after the proposal was approved.

The graveyard will be on farmland next to an existing cemetery at St James The Great Church in Church Road.

Cannock Chase District Council's planning committee approved the plan despite it being bound for greenbelt land.

The burial site will provide plots for the next 70 years. The spaces will be provided and maintained by Norton Canes Parish Council, which hopes to have it open in two years. The parish council justified the development on greenbelt land, saying it was 'critical' with its existing cemetery set to be filled in four years' time.

It also said there was a shortage of burial space nationally including the Cannock Chase district. Four in five residents voted in favour of the plan in a survey by the parish council.

After the meeting last week, parish council chairman John Preece said he was thrilled that the plans were accepted.

He said: "It's clear that this is something the community have wanted for some time.

"We've got the power for this, we've got the land, and we've got the support. All we needed was the planning permission.

Expansion

"We had a great response to surveys from residents, and I'm sure they will be over the moon over the news. It will give them the peace of mind they have been wanting."

At the meeting, parish councillor Zaphne Stretton said the expansion would be ideal to residents in the village," she said.

"There are a lot of people in Norton Canes who want to be buried here where they live and not anywhere else. Norton Canes people are parochial, and I am one of them."

Cannock West Ward councillor Paul Snape said: "If it is wanted by the local people to the extent it has been shown, then I can't see why we should turn it down."

However, Norton Canes resident Roy Wilkes said the cemetery expansion would damage wildlife.

He said: "I have lived here for 30 years, and there are frogs, toads and other animals living on the site. All this will be destroyed if the plans go ahead."

Mr Wilkes also said there was drainage problems with the site, which could lead to water issues in the future.

Village hopes tidy-up will earn title

Norton Canes Parish Council chairman John Preece watched by the local committee

NORTON Canes is spick and span . . . and spilling over with flowers.

Residents have entered Staffordshire's Best Kept Village competition and are hoping for good news when the results are announced early next month.

They entered for the first time last year after a special call for a bumper set of entries to celebrate the competition's 60th anniversary, and were thrilled to be awarded 'commended' status. Councillor John Preece, who represents the ward on Cannock Chase District Council, and is chairman of the parish council, said: "Getting recognised like that came out of the blue and has really spurred us on."

Judging by the organisers, the Community Council of Staffordshire, took place in May and June.

The clean-up was led by the parish council which said many groups contributed time and effort including the probation community payback team under the supervision of Brian Marshall. Parish lengthsman Ken Dixon also worked hard on the entry.

Pupils at Norton Canes High School produced a mosaic depicting the heritage of the village, the Knit and Natter Club made flowers which are displayed in the village, and Norton Canes Academy School provided themed pictures which are displayed in the Co-op.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shoplifter steals meat worth £50

A THIEF has been fined after he stole meat worth £50 from a shop which he had gone into to buy a loaf of bread.

Ricky Hamilton was filmed on security cameras stealing the items from Tesco Express, in Great Wyrley, on June 21, Cannock Magistrates Court heard.

Hamilton, of Margam Crescent, Mossley, Bloxwich, admitted one offence of theft. He was ordered to pay £415.

Mr Vaughan Whiston, defending, said the temptation to shoplift had been too much for Hamilton.

Police in plea on forecourt attack

A MAN was punched and left unconscious during an attack at a petrol forecourt in Rugeley.

The 27-year-old victim from Stafford suffered a fractured eye socket and a broken tooth when he was attacked at the Esso Garage, in Western Springs Road.

The assault happened at around 3am on June 20 when the victim was approached by a white man in his early 20s.

The attacker had short dark hair and was wearing a white T-shirt and jeans. Call Pc Andrea Ballard on 101.

Swimmers make a splash at gala

PUPILS from Highfields Primary School proved they were stars of the pool at the resurrected Burntwood swimming gala.

The school beat off competition from seven other schools to land first place in the contest at Burntwood Leisure Centre.

The competition – the first of its kind in years – was the idea of Jen Matthewman, headteacher of Boney Hay Primary School. It featured children aged from seven to 11.

Charity shop marks success of first year

STAFF and volunteers from St Giles Hospice are celebrating the success of the first year of its furniture and household shop in Walsall Road, Cannock.

The store, which stocks furniture and household items, has been a huge hit with shoppers in the town since it opened.

Funds raised by the shop go towards St Giles Hospice's specialist care for local people living with cancer and other serious illnesses.

Moderate walk planned

CHASE & District Group Ramblers are preparing for an 8.5-mile moderate walk at Monksdale, Peterdale & Wheston, Derbyshire, on Sunday. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station car park, Anglesey Street, for a prompt 9am departure. Walk leader Eve is on 01543 685425.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

The not so beautiful aspect of our game

IT hasn't been a great week for the Beautiful Game. We've had Raheem Sterling jumping up and down like a spoiled child because of Liverpool's reluctance to let him join moneybags Manchester City.

Then, Villa captain Fabian Delph decided to take a slice of Sheikh Mansoor's money, days after issuing a heartfelt pledge of loyalty and undying love for Tim Sherwood's side.

In an ideal world, Roy Hodgson would say that neither of these mercenaries would ever pull on the England shirt again, but we all know that is not going to happen. We now have radio pundits who trot out the old "no loyalty in football" cliché as if it something we should commend.

Then we come to West Bromwich Albion's new boy James McLean, who decided to voice his disapproval for all things English by turning his back on the St George's flag and refusing to sing the national anthem. Very mature, wouldn't you agree?

Apparently, young James is from a staunch Republican background in Northern Ireland. Previously, he refused to wear a Remembrance poppy in protest at Republicans killed by British soldiers during the Troubles.

Clearly, Mr McClean does not have much time for England, which of course, is his right.

However, since he finds this country so objectionable, perhaps he might consider why he is living and working here.

If he really wanted to demonstrate his Republican loyalties, he ought to shun the bright lights and riches of the Premier League, and try his luck at Carrick Rangers or Dungannon United. Now that would be a genuine display of principle.

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SHOW me a motorist who has never broken a speed limit by 1mph, and I will show you a liar. Which is why we should all be very concerned about the plans for a new "zero tolerance" approach to speeding offences in Scotland.

Police Scotland plans to issue warning letters to anybody who is clocked exceeding the speed limit by just a single mile per hour, with fines and penalty points for anybody who is caught doing the same a second time.

At the moment it is part of a six-month "pilot study", with the threat that "if successful" it will be introduced in other parts of the UK, or "rolled out", to use the fashionable parlance.

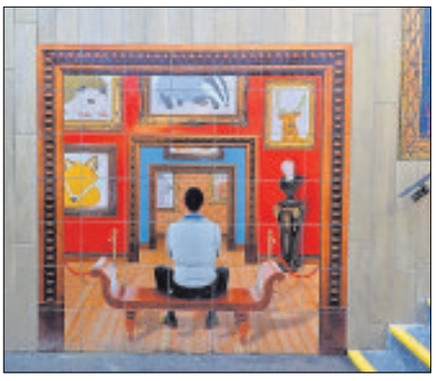
We'll take that as read then.

In other words, within a year or so anyone found driving at 31mph in a 30 could very easily be fined. Get caught a few times doing 31mph, and you will probably be banned.

And as everybody does 31mph at some time or other, it will simply be a matter of luck who gets nabbed.

Door to the future – the underpass has had a total facelift

How the underpass looked last year before the makeover



Sitting pretty – a piece of artwork by Gloria Marshall

Talent runs deep in underpass facelift

After many years of neglect, an underpass in Cannock has been given a vibrant new look. **MARION BRENNAN** reports

A DINGY underpass in Cannock, once branded 'disgusting' by shoppers, has been transformed into an outdoor art gallery.

Artists and community groups were invited to work on brightening up the Mill Street underpass after residents complained it was badly in need of a makeover having been overlooked for years.

The pedestrian tunnel, which leads from the town centre to Morrisons, was newly tiled before artists set to work on it.

Work on the underpass is now nearing completion and the new improved version will officially open in the next few days..

A consultation on the project was held in January, with residents and shoppers making their criticism plain.

History

Councillor Diane Todd, town centre regeneration leader on Cannock Chase District Council, said: "The Mill Street underpass has suffered years of neglect and was in desperate need of refreshing.

"The works started in March and I can't believe the transformation. We have already received some extremely positive feedback."

The outdoor art gallery is based on a Now and Then theme, reflecting the history of Cannock Chase.

Large and small artworks have been painted onto the tiled walls, while improvements have been made to the steps leading to and from the tunnel. The handrails are also being replaced and the ceiling has been repainted.

Councillor Todd said: " We are creating an entrance to our town centre that is attractive and safe. I hope residents are as proud of our town centre as I am."

Pete Burt, managing director of Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust, which that runs leisure and arts services on behalf of the council, said they were pleased to have been involved in the project which was giving a 'real boost' to visitors to the town while putting the talents of local artists in the spotlight.

Staffordshire County Council environment leader Mark Winnington agreed.

He said: "It's vital that our town centres are vibrant and attractive places to visit, shop and spend time in. This helps to attract more businesses to the county, creates jobs and ultimately helps to grow our local economy.

"This is an important link into the town centre and complements similar work done last year on the underpass from Beecroft Road car park to the town centre. It's great to see the area being transformed and once complete will give residents, shoppers and visitors a modern, clean and bright area to enjoy."

The project is part of the Changing Places initiative looking at a wider town centre improvement programme across the district.

The work has been carried out by several artists, some contributing more than one painting, all belonging to the Chase Creative Hub.

The hub, a network of local artists set up by WLCT, has been involved in a number of innovative art projects in the district over the last couple of years.

The consultation in January helped to shape the design concept for the art piece, which has been aimed at reflecting the district. Both professional artists and the local community worked on the scheme.

Mr Burt said: "This is a fantastic project which has involved over 100 artists from across the district, and will help to promote the talents of local professionals and creative group members. Their artworks will provide the underpass with a much needed face lift, benefiting the whole community."

Councillor Diane Todd takes a look at the underpass which has become an outdoor art gallery

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England team inspire footballing girls

Some of the Academy players and new under-8 girls line up for the camera at Wyrley Juniors FC

WYRLEY Juniors FC is finding that the success of the England Women's football team has created a big demand for girls to start playing the game.

The club has 12 girls teams from under-8s to under-18s, Ladies First and Reserves teams, the first Ladies Veterans team in the region, plus a girls-only academy for five to seven-year-olds.

It represents a 50per cent increase in the club's team numbers since the end of last season which bosses say is a reflection of the national picture.

The club has six five-year-old girls in its academy – enough already to create a new team for the season after next.

It has 10 'mature' ladies training in its veterans' section, with women receiving coaching in a 'friendly and non-pressurised environment'.

A new under-14s team is also being created, which the club says is a difficult age at which to start a girls team.

Keith Hardy, chairman of the club and coach of the Ladies First Team and Girls Academy, said: "We are delighted to maintain the growth in the girls' game and to provide football to anyone who wants to play the game."

He added: 'We are the first club to create a ladies veterans team in the Midlands and we are finding that once our older 'girls' have tested the training out they are keen to return. Indeed, a new social scene has been created for them as a result."

Squad

The club is looking for girls to join its ranks between the ages of five and 13 for its girls teams.

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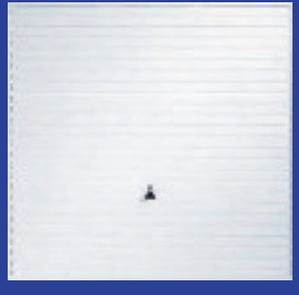

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Should we pay this fine for parking?

DOES anyone have any view on parking fines? I know the obvious answer is to read the signs but some people are not that aware of the rules these 'private landowners' apply. I've collected three in eight months.

One I successfully appealed as my disability sticker did not display the right time, and the council revoked my fine. The second I was late (through no fault of my own) and overran the time limit. My appeal failed.

The third was when I went shopping at Crown Wharf in Walsall. I was hit with a £50 fine stating if I don't pay within 14 days it jumps to £85. We are wondering whether to pay this fine, or are these 'private landowners' on a good thing, collecting £50 at will with the threat of taking innocent people to court, or is it better to ignore it?

I have now given up on going to places to shop and shall do my shopping online.

R TAYLOR
Cannock

Horse riders are sensible on road safety

IN response to A Palmer of Chase Terrace ('Horse riders' disguise only adds to hostility', July 9), how ridiculous to think horse riders dress up as police officers.

I take it he/she is referring to the fact that riders nowadays are very safety conscious and quite sensibly wear hi-vis clothing in order to make themselves visible to traffic.

Unfortunately, as much as we would prefer to avoid roads and any other traffic, it is a fact of life that in this area it is impossible and at some point horses and cars are going to be on the road at the same time.

As for calling on the relevant authorities to stop the practice, here is an exert from the RoSPA guidelines regarding visibility:

'All riders should wear high visibility (fluorescent and reflective) garments when riding on the road. Fluorescent and reflective ankle bands and stirrup lights are particularly effective in attracting the attention of motorists. If possible, riders should use high visibility garments that conform to BS EN1150, a European Standard for high visibility garments for non-professional use.

'There is a standard for high visibility garments for professional use, BS EN471, which can also be used.

'The Highway Code (Rule 51) advises riders that it is safer not to ride on the road at night or in poor visibility'.

SUSAN BRINDLEY
Norton Canes

Duck pond in need of a clean-up

CHESLYN Hay Parish Council should be ashamed at the state of the duck pond known as the stepping stones in Cheslyn Hay.

I am a 70-year-old pensioner who frequently goes round the pond on my mobility scooter, and the state of the pond is despicable, with an old dustbin in the centre for two to three years, large branches that the kids have thrown in, and even a car bumper.

The safety rings are in the water not on the bank.

The water is full of silt and smells terrible.

It is such a shame when there are new ducklings in the water. Today, there was a member of the public, a middle-aged gentleman, who had gone with a rake and was fishing the offending items out. I would like to say a big thank you to him.

Shame on the council that the public are cleaning up the pond. What do we pay council tax for?

B FOSTER
Great Wyrley

Budget spells misery for ordinary people

THE Budget on July 8 will be remembered as a day of misery and horror for millions of people across the country. The £12 billion welfare cuts will mean many families having thousands of pounds cut from their income each year.

Young people face being taken out of the benefit system altogether, and charities warn that Osborne`s Budget will drag two million more children into poverty. It's a Budget for billionaires and millionaires, with inheritance tax being cut. Rather than taxing the wealth of property speculators, council house and housing association tenants who earn a reasonable wage will be forced to pay full market rents.

Labour now have a chance to learn from the mistakes of the past, and come up with some decent socialist policies as an alternative to this onslaught on ordinary people.

COUNCILLOR PAUL WITTON
Cannock South

Driver had answer to the pass problem

THERE has been a lot of debate about bus drivers not allowing pensioners with passes onto their buses until half past nine.

One side says "Don't leave these poor old chaps waiting in the cold for the sake of a few minutes!" while the other side says "If they can't beep in their pass because it's too early, the bus company loses money!"

Well, the driver of the bus I was on this morning had the right idea.

Every time a pensioner got on between 9.20 and the magic hour of half nine, he let them on and reminded them both as they got on, and again when they went to leave, to beep their pass on the machine so that the bus company will get whatever cash reward they get.

Everyone's a winner, and it's completely simple. Not sure what everyone was getting so upset about, to be honest.

J BUSH
Featherstone

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Voters wanted change

T R MILLWARD asserts (Letters, July 9) that all votes for UKIP were wasted. He should consider whether Cameron would be adapting some UKIP policies if the electorate had not given the Tories and Labour a fright.

Some 3.8 million voted UKIP wanting change and an end to dictatorship by the EU. When they do not get it, he can be assured, just like Schwarzenegger,"They'll be back".

GRAHAME WIGGIN
UKIP Cannock Chase

Dancers added to fun atmosphere of event

I WOULD like to thank the organisers of the Medieval Fayre held at St Luke's Church. The whole of Cannock was buzzing and there was a lovely holiday atmosphere.

My colleagues and I were taking part with a display of English Country Dancing and were very pleased when members of the public joined us for a circle dance.

As chairman of the Cannock Folk Dance Club, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to anyone who would like learn more about our club. We have a 'Have a go Night' for beginners at St Barnabas church hall on Tuesday, July 28, from 8pm. For more details call 01543 574602.

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Cyclists put everything into fundraiser

Front row from left, Jack Skitt, Ade Skitt and Brett Partington with, back row from left, Sam Evans, Richard Morgan, Connor Brough, Dean Duffy, Pat Machett, Marcus Evans, Steve Evans, Neil Toy, Phil Willington and Caroline Mattock. Three other riders – Adam Skitt, Andy Lloyd and Marc Carless – were unavailable for the photocall

A GROUP of fundraising cyclists from Cheslyn Hay are pushing themselves to the limit in preparation for a Coast to Coast ride.

Such is their dedication that one rider, Marco Carless, ended up in hospital after coming off his bike while training on Cannock Chase.

He has been out of action but is still determined to complete the 170-mile ride, along The Way of the Roses from Morecambe to Bridlington on August 14 and 15.

"The ride is raising funds for our local Royal British Legion, and most of us have JustGiving pages set up as well as sponsor forms," organiser Marcus Evans said.

"We are also holding events to help raise funds needed to cover the cost of doing the ride – accommodation, van support and spares for the bikes – and anything over will go to the Legion."

The next event is a family fun day at The White Horse in Cheslyn Hay on Saturday, August 8 from12.30pm onwards.

"We are hoping to get a lot in for this one as we have lots of stalls – a tombola, cake stalls, bouncy castle, gladiator duel, and a tug o' war competition," Marcus added.

"We are also having a few motorbikes to go on show. Then we have bands on from early afternoon and into the evening.

"Anyone who wants a stall for £5 can call Adele Evans on 07794 076267 or if anyone wants to bring along a motorbike to show, they can get in touch through the Facebook page that has been set up for this event."

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Boss hits at Budget

A FIRM with a branch in Cannock has criticised the Budget for not going far enough to boost Britain's exports. David Williams, managing director of freight forwarder Rhenus Logistics UK, believes a more radical approach to solving the export crisis is needed, not just marginal tax breaks for those already trading overseas. He said: "Clearly, the Government's target of increasing UK exports to £1 trillion a year by 2020 looks no more achievable, given the lack of attention the issue was given in the June 2015 Budget." Rhenus's Cannock outlet is at Gallan Park, Watling Street.

Passengers 'mugged off' over bus cuts

BUS passengers in Cannock Chase have been 'mugged off' by the county council over an alleged lack of consultation on cuts to routes, it has been claimed.

Cannock district councillors say they were only made aware of which services were affected a week ago before the papers for the economic development committee meeting were published.

By Marion Brennan

They rounded on Mark Winnington, Staffordshire County Council's transport leader, at the meeting for not publicising the changes better and for allowing only a three-day window to challenge the proposed cuts.

Councillor Winnington argued that letters detailing the affected routes had been sent to the district council's leader and chief executive, and it was up to them to share the information. The information had been on the county council's website since May 18, he added.

Savings

But committee vice-chairman Tony Johnson said that was not good enough. "We've been mugged off," he said.

The programme of cuts affects journeys across Cannock, Rugeley and Hednesford, and will also curtail routes to Stafford, Burntwood, Brownhills, Featherstone, Essington and Wolverhampton. The total savings will be £159,000.

Councillor Winnington said the most expensive subsidy was £9.37 for a single journey because of poor usage. Some evening services carried an average of one to three people. He said: "We went through every route and tried to minimise the dis-benefit to current users. Those affected could just as easily get a taxi." He said the district council had the option of subsiding the journeys itself.

But committee members responded angrily. Councillor Gordon Alcott said: "The county council is the transport authority, not us. This doesn't help the old folks with bus passes who can't get out to Stafford at night and rely on public transport to get them there.

"Cannock has a higher percentage of older people than the national average, and these are the people who are going to be hit most. Since 2000, the service has been cut by half, if not more.

"We had a confidential report some months ago with a long list of routes that we're being looked at but we were asked not to say anything. We never had a final list of the changes which we would have wanted to comment on."

Councillor Michelle Dudson said: "This was not meaningful consultation. Each individual district councillor should have been contacted over this. It's the first time I've seen the document, and that's not right."

The committee requested that its officers investigate the implications of the bus cuts to Cannock residents.

MP joins group with the aim to protect forests

THE MP for Cannock Chase is one of the founding members of a new group of politicians created to protect forests and wood processing.

Amanda Milling is part of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Forestry (APPGF), created to highlight the need for more investment in the forestry and wood-processing sector.

Conservative MP Ms Milling said: "Cannock Chase Forest is central to my constituency, and essential to my constituents.

"Whether for its leisure benefits, nature, scenery or employment, Cannock Chase matters a huge amount to my constituents, and I will never take that for granted. I thought it was important for me to be a part of this group and to get involved right at the start, by attending the inaugural meeting.

"More broadly, a successful forestry and wood processing sector is positive for the economy, the environment, recreation and health."

At the House of Commons launch event, Stuart Goodall, chief executive of group organisers Confor, said forestry and wood processing supports 2.5 per cent of the UK economy and three-quarters of a million jobs.

Youngsters gather to celebrate teen fiction

A TOTAL of 139 students and 32 staff, from 19 Staffordshire schools, enjoyed a festival of fiction at an event aimed to celebrate the best in new teen books.

Now in its 11th year, the Young Teen Fiction Award aims to encourage the county's young people, aged between 11 and 14, to enjoy reading the newest fiction from top authors, and share their enthusiasm with others.

Each year, the initiative culminates in a celebration event, where six schools are invited to create and stage a special representation of one of the six shortlisted books. As a bonus, this year's presenting students had the opportunity to gain a Bronze Arts Award, a Level 1 national qualification.

RAF Museum Cosford, was the venue for this year's Celebration Day, when the youngsters present were able to enjoy the six performances and then cast the final votes for the overall winner.

Youngsters from Fair Oak Academy, Rugeley, who presented the winning title, 'Girl Online' by Zoe Sugg

Busy

Thousands of Staffordshire school children began nominating their favourite reads online in September 2014 with six titles shortlisted in February this year.

The county council's Schools' Library Service, which coordinates the Staffordshire Young Teen Fiction Award, has been busy throughout the year sending new books into schools across the county to spark interest, discussion and nominations.

During the Celebration Day the young people had the opportunity to meet and chat with best-selling authors Bali Rai and Lil Chase.

The county's youngsters voted 'Girl Online' by Zoe Sugg the winner of this year's award, with 'Bodyguard Ransom' by Chris Bradford as their second choice and 'Red Leaves' by Sita Brahmachari as third.

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Sign up for charity fun run

PLACES are still available for a fun run raising cash for a charity supporting people with a hereditary disease.

Kay Turner's four-year-old son Charlie, his father Craig, and aunt Debbie, all have polycystic kidney disease. And the condition has killed Craig's father and grandmother in recent years.

Now she is holding a fundraising run at Chasewater Country Park on September 27 at 11am in aid of the Polycystic Kidney Charity.

In January the family was hit by the news that more cysts had been discovered growing on three-year-old Charlie's kidneys.

And they must now wait for another scan next March to see if they have got any worse. Mrs Turner, 33, of Chasetown, has decided to focus on her charity campaign as a release from the stress of day-to-day life.

She said: "It takes the focus off what's going on. I would crumble if I didn't have this to concentrate on – it's really helping me."

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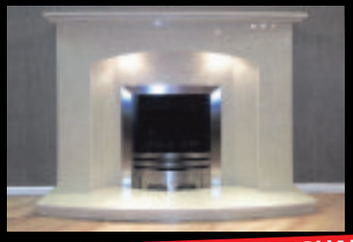
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From left, local resident Margaret Edwards, PCSO Jackie Dennis, Pc Lucy Spicer, trustee Angela Staples, Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis, centre manager Heather Preece, family worker Leanne Talbuck, and resident Michelle Chaplain

WEST Chadsmoor Family Centre has been awarded £2,931 to help pay for weekly café sessions where residents can discuss policing and safety issues.

The centre also organises talks on how vulnerable and elderly people can help to prevent door-to-door sales and how to stay safe.

The cash came from the Police and Crime Commissioner's People Power Fund.

Centre manager Heather Preece said: "The café has benefitted local people by allowing them to tell us their concerns about their local neighbourhood and detail what aspects of safety can be addressed to help residents feel safer.

"We will now be able to use the information received to help break down barriers and respond to local needs."

As part of his commitment to local communities, the Commissioner is providing £500,000 in 2015-16 through the People Power Fund in the form of grants of between £100 and £3,000.

The fund is supporting locally driven community safety activities in local areas throughout Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Union hits out at fire cuts

FIRE Brigades Union officials and members in Staffordshire say the fire and rescue authority is out of touch with the public over cutbacks.

The union says its concerns about response times being affected by the cuts were ignored, despite the 'impact that longer response times will inevitably have on public safety'.

Richard Williams, brigade secretary of the union in the county, said: "These cuts are devastating, and their impact is going to be felt harshly in Staffordshire communities.

"The FBU are the professional voice of firefighters, but Staffordshire fire authority refused to listen to us. They have no idea what the public want or how they feel about these savage cuts.

"Our suggestions for making savings such as reducing the use of targeted response vehicles, which are basically large vans, fell on deaf ears – they had already decided jobs and fire engines were going to go. We are still keen to be involved in negotiations with service management but right now, we are hugely disappointed."

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Outings to sets of TV favourites

Burntwood WI

MEMBERS were welcomed to the meeting and, after Jerusalem was sung, the minutes and matters arising were read and accepted.

Trips to Coronation Street and Downton Abbey are taking place in the next few months.

An appeal was put out for help with the Macmillan coffee morning in September. The members were asked if they were in agreement for a screen to be bought and installed. This would be a big help with certain speakers. Everyone agreed.

The ladies were in for a treat as the speakers for the evening were flower arrangers Sylvia Newell and Anne Smith. Many had seen them at a group meeting and they didn't disappoint, despite the fact that Sylvia was suffering with a fractured hip.

Their floristry is a joy to watch and the interaction between then is very amusing. Anne also relayed stories of incidents that they had experienced which were often very funny. All the arrangements they did were put in a raffle, and there were a lot of people hoping to win. Judith expressed thanks on the club's behalf when they had finished.

Margaret Copland had come second at the County Show in the 'hard craft' category. She had made a book.

Marie Hames won the competition for a floral scarf. After the raffle Ron Box gave the Thought for the Month. before the meeting closed.

Back in time for trip to 17th century home

A welcome to Ford Green Hall from staff members

Etching Hill WI

ETCHING Hill WI were transported back to the 17th century for their outing on July 8 when they visited Ford Green Hall in Stoke-on-Trent.

On arrival the group were welcomed by a true Jacobean gent, Christopher Bell, and Sue and Jess, all in dressed in period costume. After supper, members were split into two groups for a tour of the house.

The hall is thought to have been built in 1624 for Hugh Ford, a local yeoman farmer, remaining in the Ford family for some 200 years. The Fords had left the area by the 19th century and after a series of tenants, it was split into three separate dwellings.

The property was purchased by Stoke-on-Trent City Council in 1946 and opened as a museum in 1952.

The hall is now operated as a museum and has been furnished as a 17th century yeoman farmer's house.

Due to budget cuts in 2011, the museum was faced with closure. However, in early 2014, a deal was finalised to pass the management over to Ford Green Hall Ltd, a charitable organisation led by local volunteers.

Palace garden party date

THE June meeting was well attended.

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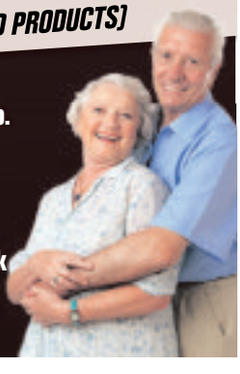

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Date set for next round of safety funding bids

Cycle ride tribute to father

Steve Graham, left, and Alex Bedford, will be riding more than 300 miles to support the Motor Neurone Disease Association

A HUNTINGTON man is set to cycle more than 300 miles to raise money to help fight the disease that killed his father.

Alex Bedford, aged 32, will ride to Paris via London with his brother-in-law Steve Graham, 35, to support the Motor Neurone Disease Association in memory of his father David Bedford, a former serviceman with the RAF who died last year aged 60.

The pair will leave Alex's parents' house in Stafford on August 15, and plan to take five days to complete the 334-mile journey. Father-of-one Alex, who works as chief operating officer for Cheshire Football Association and an FA coach mentor, said: "My dad had been ill for about four years with a range of symptoms but the disease wasn't actually diagnosed until a year before his death."

Alex and Steve, who is leader of CreateChurch:Cannock, are in training for their challenge and have so far reached more than 80 per cent of their £1,000 fundraising target. Visit www.justgiving.com/David-Bedford-MNDA/ for more information and to support the pair.

COMMUNITY groups in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley will soon be able to bid for People Power Funding again.

The window for the latest round of applications opens on Saturday, August 1 until September 14. The fund is supporting locally driven community safety activities in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

These could include providing long-term, sustainable positive activities for young people to help reduce anti-social behaviour, mentoring programmes for targeted local groups through to activities that reassure and improve the quality of life in local areas. As part of his commitment to local communities, Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis is providing £500,000 in 2015-16 through the fund in the form of grants of between £100 and £3,000.

He said: "I have significantly increased the funding that local areas in Staffordshire have to make their communities safer.

Ideas

"The Commissioner's People Power Fund puts half a million pounds back into local communities and is easy and simple to apply for. It's about local ideas to sort out local issues like anti-social behaviour. If you've got a good idea, the People Power Fund may be able to help you achieve it.

"If you're a community group with good ideas to cut crime or make your area safer, go to the website now to find out more."

People Power applications need to be sponsored by the group's Neighbourhood Police Officer or PCSO and will initially be assessed by the local Community Safety Partnership. The People Power Fund is part of £2.5 million of Commissioner's Community Funding for 2015-16.

The Commissioner's Proceeds of Crime Fund is seeing 100 per cent of funding received by Staffordshire Police going back into local communities. It is made up of money seized from criminals as Staffordshire Police continue to strip offenders of their assets. Partner agencies involved in community safety locally can apply individually or in collaboration.

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Samantha getting her skates on for contest

Samantha Meredith, aged 11, from Cannock is heading to France to compete in a competition

A girl from Norton Canes is getting her skates on for an international competition.

Current British champion Samantha Meredith, aged 11, will be representing the country in the mini category at the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating's Cup of Europe.

Samantha, who will start at Erasmus Darwin Academy in September, competed at the event last year and finished in 15th place, but has prepared extensively for this year's competition.

Varya Meredith, Samantha's mother said: "Samantha has only been skating for four years so she's done really well.

"It is amazing, she's really dedicated and she is doing a lot of exercises at home and gymnastics to help with her flexibility.

"She has been training two to three times a week before school at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre and then on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at Willenhall E-ACT Academy.

The contest will be held in Dijon, France from Sunday until Friday July 31.

Mrs Meredith is asking sponsors to come forward and support Samantha on 07791787809.

Temporary jail worker made false pay claims

AN agency worker from Penkridge pocketed thousands of pounds after lodging false claims for the hours she put in while working at Featherstone Prison.

Michelle Moore continued to submit falsified time sheets even after receiving a £57,000 divorce settlement. She blamed the breakdown in her marriage for the deception.

By Deborah Hardiman

Moore, aged 47, had worked at Featherstone for eight years, employed by the Prison Service, but moved to Spain two years before the offences. When she returned, she was offered shifts as a temporary support worker by agency Hays.

She admitted eight counts of fraud between January and November 2014.

Mr Adam Warner, prosecuting, told Cannock Magistrates Court: "She submitted work timesheets to the payroll department and these included the name and signature of a HMP representative resulting in payments being made to her of £5,778 net, £8,504 gross, minus tax and national insurance.

"It was really an inept series of transactions. She used a blank timesheet with the name and signature of a person who had left the employment of the prison some time before. It was easy to trace the problem."

He said the sheets had been photocopied and the defendant, of Leacroft Road, filled in the details wrongly.

Mr Paul Lamb, defending, said Moore was remorseful and more than willing to repay her ill-gotten gains.

District Judge Mr Jack McGarva jailed her for 26 weeks, suspended for two years. He also ordered her to carry out 200 hours' unpaid work and to pay £5,778 compensation to Hays within 28 days. Moore must also pay £100 costs and a victims' surcharge of £85.

Artwork to go on show

GREAT Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church is holding an art exhibition and mini market on Saturday from 10.30am to 1pm. The art group, which meets at the church in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, every Tuesday from 10am to midday, stage the annual exhibition to display the work they have produced. Some of their pictures will be for sale and can be purchased at 'very reasonable' prices. These will be displayed in the church. The mini market will take place in the church hall with the usual stalls such as tombola, raffle, crafts, and homemade cakes and cards.

Family are grateful for Pc's help at tragic game

THE family of a man from Cannock killed in the Hillsborough disaster say they are 'extremely grateful' to a police officer who tried in vain to save his life.

An inquest heard how Pc Kevin Hanson believed he had 'failed' 22-year-old David Birtle, who was one of 96 Liverpool fans crushed at the match in 1989. Mr Hanson stayed with him into the evening.

He was one of two officers who tried to revive Mr Birtle after he was moved from the Leppings Lane end of the stadium.

Mr Stephen Simblet, a barrister representing Mr Birtle's family, told Mr Hanson: "You yourself felt angry at his death and felt that you had failed him. One of the things that I want to make clear on behalf of his family is they don't think that you failed him.

"They're extremely grateful for the determined efforts that you made to save his life."

David Birtle – crushed

Identify

The jury heard how Mr Birtle was a HGV driver, who was born in West Bromwich, and who was living with his father James Saunders in Cannock.

The hearing was told Mr Saunders had to identify his son the morning after the tragedy. Mr Birtle's mother Jennifer had previously told the hearing that her son was a 'big music fan'.

He was said to have been an 'ardent' Liverpool supporter and held a season ticket for Anfield. Afterwards, police found a ticket stub for the FA Cup semi-final among his possessions.

On the day of the match, Mr Birtle drove to Sheffield in a car given to him by his grandfather. In footage shown to the jury and timed between 3.07pm and 3.08pm, Mr Birtle was seen towards the front of pen three, one of the enclosures behind the goal on the Leppings Lane terraces.

Steven Thompson, who was a South Yorkshire Police constable on duty that day, is believed to have tried to resuscitate Mr Birtle inside the pen between 15 and 20 minutes later. He said: "I did think he was deceased."

The officer gave the fan mouth to mouth until a colleague said 'You're wasting your time'. Mr Thompson closed the fan's eyes and moved on to help others.

Mr Birtle was moved from the Leppings Lane end of the stadium to the Spion Kop end where two officers, Kevin Hanson and Andrew Brookes tried to revive him.

The inquests continue.

Easier parking on the way for cancer patients

CANCER patients in Staffordshire will now be granted greater access to parking in the county after a successful fire-year campaign.

Staffordshire County Council and Stafford's County Hospital will now refer eligible patients undergoing chemo or radiotherapy for the blue badge scheme, reducing red tape.

Stafford Borough Councillor Joyce Farnhem has been the driving force behind the move, which has been backed by three cancer charities and local MPs.

She said: "The treatment for cancer causes intense fatigue and weakness. And for patients to have the freedom to park near to the area they wish to visit will revolutionise their lives. Both the borough and county councils have been very supportive in helping get this ground-breaking scheme under way, and I hope that the rest of the country will follow Staffordshire."

Sir Bill Cash, MP for Stone, said: "It is because of the great initiative, determination and hard-working spirit of Councillor Joyce Farnham that we in Staffordshire can have chemo and radiotherapy patients sidestep the bureaucratic obstacles and can get the necessary access to the blue badge parking scheme."

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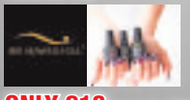

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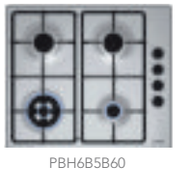
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School's float stands out in procession

Redbrook Hayes Primary School 's float makes its way through Brereton in the carnival procession

RUGELEY pupils brought a winning splash of colour to the streets of Brereton with their carnival float.

The entry created by pupils and parents at Redbrook Hayes Primary School was awarded first place.

It was the first time the school had entered the float competition, and Lilian Thompson, chair of governors, said she was delighted with the way the whole school community had got involved.

"Through an after-school Carnival Club, pupils and parents have worked together to create the amazing display," she added. "Working on the float as part of the school's Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural curriculum, the experience has really helped to develop pupil's sense of society, culture and belonging to their village."

The school's headteacher Chris Gaffiney said he was delighted with the result.

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Salon boss heads for award

A CANNOCK salon director could prove to be a cut above at the British Hairdressing Business Awards.

Liz Young, director at the Francesco Group salon in Cannock, has been shortlisted for the Franchisee of the Year category. She and five other finalists were chosen following a two-day judging process involving category sponsors, influential business associates and industry peers.

The winner will be announced on September 14 at London's Lancaster Hotel.

"Receiving the news was an incredible feeling," said Liz. "Putting the entry together gave us the opportunity to look at our business from an outsider's viewpoint."

HJ's British Hairdressing Business Awards also recognise the expertise required to run a successful hairdressing business from marketing, salon design, training and website/innovation through to the personal skills of the business director, franchisee, manager, salon stylist, junior and salon team.

£45,000 is up for grabs for youth groups

YOUNG people in Cannock Chase have so far received just £5,000 out of a £400,000 pot set aside for youth provision in Staffordshire – the smallest allocation in the county.

Eight £50,000 sums were stumped up by Staffordshire County County's Localities Fund for groups in each district to bid for, but so far there has been a lack of interest in Cannock Chase. During the first round of bidding there was only one application for funding from groups serving the district leaving £45,000 still up for grabs. The £5,000 was split between eight Lichfield organisations which will reach into Cannock to provide services.

By contrast, youth groups in Stafford have been granted the largest chunk of money so far.

A total of £35,680 has been handed out between eight successful bidders including applications to fund drama sessions for young people with learning disabilities, sport sessions and street dance activities.

Groups in Cannock have been urged to follow suit.

Social and health care boss Councillor Mark Sutton said: "We knew there was already a vast amount of things going on in Staffordshire, which is why we commissioned the Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services to help, where needed, direct young people to those groups."

"However, if there is a gap in provision the Localities Fund is available to support existing community activities, or the setting-up of new ones where people want or need them."

Geoff building up to a Supreme title

GEOFF Hale is a first-round winner in the annual NHBC Pride in the Job Awards, which recognises personal achievement of site managers in creating new homes of outstanding quality.

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Family's concern over care home death mystery

AN elderly woman died after being found lying on the floor at a Hednesford care home with another resident standing over her. It sparked concerns from Betty Davies's family over what had happened. But a coroner concluded she died of natural causes.

Mrs Davies died of a deteriorating heart disease aged 84 at her home at Windsor House Care Home in Marquis Court. An inquest in Cannock heard that a male resident from the care home had been in her room before she died on the evening of June 17.

She was later found by nursing staff on a crash mat in her room with the man kneeling down over her before paramedics arrived. This took place 10 minutes after Mrs Davies was last seen by staff who had given her paracetamol tablets in her room.

Mrs Davies's family want to know how she ended up on the floor and say they were not told about the other resident being seen in her room until days after she had died.

The incident was also not reported to the paramedic who was treating Mrs Davies.

The family's concerns led to a police investigation which found no evidence of any wrong-doing and no prosecutions took place.

A post mortem examination also found no evidence of physical injury to her body.

Giving evidence, Jayne Wood, manager of Windsor House Care Home, who was on annual leave at the time of Mrs Davies's death, said she knew the family were not aware of the incident straight away.

The care home in Hednesford where Betty Davies was found on the floor

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She added: "At 8.20pm the carers were doing their checks. One of the carers went into her room and found the gentleman, and Betty on the crash mat on the floor. I was aware the family were not told of the incident."

Coroner Andrew Haigh said in his conclusion it was impossible to tell whether anything had happened in the room to contribute to her death and concluded she died of natural causes. He said: "The post mortem examination does show a natural cause of death. There is no indication of any form of injury to Betty's body. We are all subject to stress at times but there is no evidence to suggest Betty suffered any additional stress prior to her death."

Speaking after the inquest, Mrs Davies's daughter Lisa Lake, who lives in Brewood, said she would be seeking legal advice.

"When I asked the coroner could that incident have caused my mum's death he could not answer it. They (care home staff) didn't tell us of anything about this man being in her room," she added.

"To find out three or four days later that someone may or may not have been involved in her death is such a horrible feeling." Mrs Wood apologised to the family during the inquest for not telling them of the incident sooner. Speaking after the hearing she said: "Our sympathies go out to Mrs Davies's family for their loss.

"Mrs Davies's health had been deteriorating and staff were monitoring her closely.

"A nurse had given Mrs Davies her medication and when care staff checked on her 10 minutes later they found her on her crash mat with another resident in the room.

"She was assessed and helped back to bed. The other resident was immediately taken out of the room. The nurse became concerned at Mrs Davies's worsening condition and called paramedics.

"We regret that the family were not informed until some days later that a resident had been in Mrs Davies' room.

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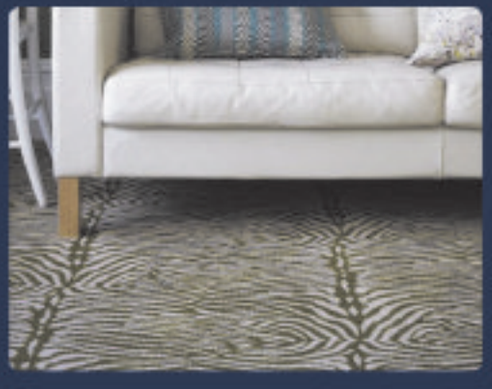

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The pithead buildings, the bath house, the lamp room complex, some included and have been refurbished and sub-divided as the Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre.

The cost of providing the Enterprise Centre (including the land purchase and the consultant's fees) was in excess of £1m. The funding was provided by the Department of the Environment through the Derelict Land Grant. This was an innovative use of the Derelict Land Grant which was more traditionally used for earth moving and demolition. The grant was negotiated by County Council Officers on the basis that an amount equivalent to the national demolition costs could be spent on refurbishment works. Funding was also given towards the repair of drains, on-site roads and some off-site services. The Centre also received financial support from British Coal Enterprises Ltd. through the Regional Manager John Dutton.

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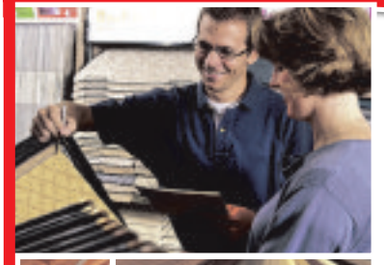

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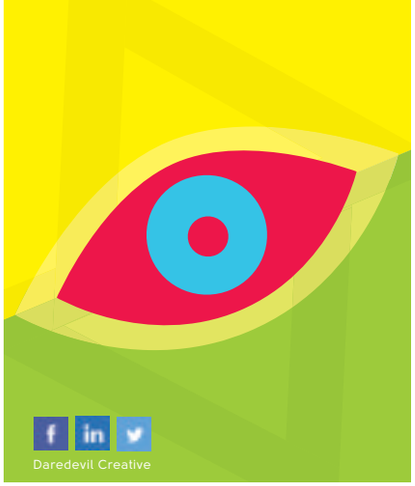

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Lottie Dove, centre, with Argos staff members Kaz Hogan and Estelle Yapp at the treasure hunt in Cannock

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Staff donned costumes and handing out entry forms.

More than 100 youngsters took part in the treasure hunt, which involved them looking for pirate pictures in shops.

They also picked up forms to enter a 'postcard of your summer' art competition, which was launched at the event at the weekend.

Children picked up blank postcards which they were invited to take home and complete with a design of their choice over the summer holidays.

The competition runs until August 30 and youngsters can post their designs in a designated competition post box, which can be found on the lower mall by Farmfoods in the centre.

Youngsters can still pick up entry forms from Farmfoods or Argos.

One lucky winner will be chosen after the school holidays and given a special hamper of prizes.

Linda Hopkins, administrator at the shopping centre, said: "There were between 100 and 150 children who took part in the treasure hunt.

"It was a good day. We had a lady dressed as a pirate handing out entry forms, and the staff at Argos also dressed up, so she had a crew.

"We welcome everyone who supports events like these," she added. Bosses also voiced their delight at launching their summer art competition.

Natal Chapman, centre manager, said: "We are delighted to be hosting our postcard of your summer competition for our younger shoppers.

"From building sandcastles at the beach to swimming in the sea, I can't wait to see what everyone's been up to over the summer holidays.

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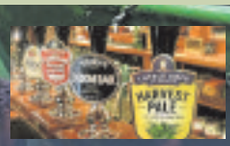

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New fusion of Zulu music and dance

A scene from Inala, featuring top dancers and choral group Ladysmith Black Mambazo, which is coming to Birmingham

FOLLOWING a 2014 tour and sell-out runs at both the Edinburgh International Festival and London's Sadler's Wells, Inala brings together four-time Grammy Award-winning South African choral legends, Ladysmith Black Mambazo with dancers choreographed by the multi-award winning Mark Baldwin.

This unique artistic collaboration sees the Zulu culture-inspired production reworked for 2015 and it comes to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Wednesday as part of a UK tour.

Inala means 'abundance of goodwill' in Zulu and delivers an uplifting live experience, powered by music, song and dance. It features current and former dancers from The Royal Ballet and Rambert with an original score performed by Ladysmith Black Mambazo, created by the group's founder Joseph Shabalala and British composer Ella Spira.

They created the concept for Inala with the Royal Ballet's Pietra Mello-Pittman, who said: "Inala is influenced by Zulu dancing and South African stories and cultures, creating a new language of dance that respects the traditions of 'pure' classical dance training of all our dancers."

Male choral group Ladysmith Black Mambazo found worldwide fame when they sang on Paul Simon's Graceland album in 1986.

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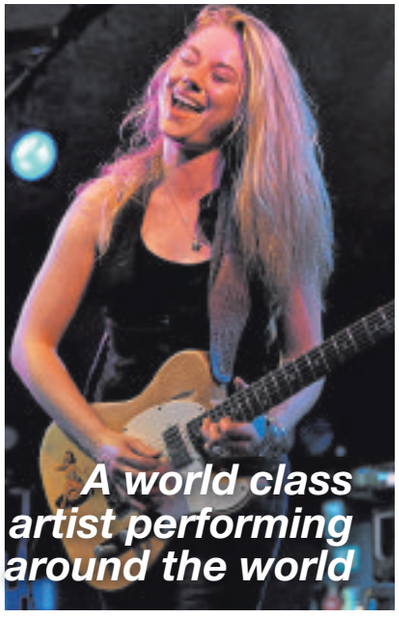

Home grown guitar hero

BLACK Country blues rock singer and guitarist Joanne Shaw Taylor will play her only club show of the summer in Bilston.

The songwriter, who released her latest album, The Dirty Truth, last September, will perform live for fans at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday.

Joanne grew up in the Black Country, leaving school at 16 and running straight into her big break when her demo landed in the hands of Eurythmics icon Dave Stewart after a charity gig.

Her debut album White Sugar followed in 2008 and since then she has released another four albums to critical acclaim from rock and blues pundits across the worlds. She has also moved to live in the United States, where her fiery fretwork is much in demand.

Blues fan and Robin 2 owner Mike Hamblett said: "Joanne played her first ever performance at The Robin in Brierley Hill back in 2000, as a young teenager.

"She has gone on to become a world class artist, performing around the world."

He continued: "It gives me great pleasure and is a great honour to see Joanne come back to her roots performing once again at the Robin 2, with special guests Virgil & The Accelerators, another great emerging blues rock talent destined for much bigger things."

Tickets cost £17.50 in advance or £19.50 on the night, available from therobin.co.uk or by calling the box office on 01902 401211.

Comedy, cricket and Carpenters

ONE-NIGHTERS over the forthcoming weekend and week include veteran vocal group The Drifters at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow night (Friday) and Glaswegian comic Kevin Bridges at the Civic Hall in Wolverhampton on Saturday.

Also on Saturday is Voice of the Heart, a two-hour tribute to the music of The Carpenters featuring singer Carole Gordon, the Blue Jeans Band and singers at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Behatted singer-songwriter Badly Drawn Boy is at Birmingham's Town Hall on Saturday, and Geoffrey Boycott and Jonathan Agnew share cricket anecdotes at the Symphony Hall on Monday.

Folk gig is delayed by bizarre accident

A CONCERT by folk veterans The Strawbs has been put back to the new year after singer Dave Cousins choked on a cup of tea and passed out.

The band was due to perform at the Robin 2 in Bilston on July 24. But Dave was taken to hospital on June 16 after choking on a cup of tea. This caused him to lose consciousness, hitting his head. He was discharged on June 19 but the accident dislodged a kidney stone and on June 24 he was operated on.

The band's leader for 50 years, he is recovering well but is not yet fit enough to tour. The show has been rescheduled for April 27.

Autumn of rock in West Midlands

AUTUMN is shaping up to be a memorable season for indie rock fans with some choice gigs.

US psych band Wand play The Rainbow in Digbeth on September 12. Rising stars Wolf Alice, one of the hits of Glastonbury, play The Institute on September 17. In October highlights include West Midlands homecomings for Peace at Wolverhampton Civic (Oct 10) and Swim Deep at The Institute (Oct 17). Singer-songwriter James Bay is at 02 Academy in Brum (Oct 8), London's next big thing Gengarh are at the Hare & Hounds in Kings Heath (Oct 12) and Liverpool's Circa Waves play The Institute (Oct 16).

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Sunset at Clifton Bay

Cape Town – so much to see, so little time, but so worthwhile

FORTY-EIGHT hours in Cape Town – so much to do, so little time. But as a tag-on to a safari or the Garden Route, it's worthwhile.

By Hannah Stephenson

Food, wine, culture and cabs are ridiculously cheap thanks to the strong pound against the rand.

On my visit, I plan to take in the obvious highlights for first-time visitors.

I start with a visit to the jewel in the geological crown of this diverse metropolis, the majestic Table Mountain, a sandstone wonder of the world which looms large wherever you go in the city.

The string of peaks known as the 12 Apostles are a favourite with hikers, but I chose to join the queue for the Cableway cable car on a five-minute ride to the top (adult return 225 rand/around £12.50). A revolving floor within the car ensures all budding photographers have a 360 degree birds' eye view.

You could spend a good few hours up here balancing your yin and yang. Young visitors sunbathe on the rocks, others seek out the flora, fauna and wildlife – I see lizards, but there are also guinea-pig-like creatures called rock rabbits, or dassies, and nearly 1,500 species of fynbos, including proteas, ericas and reeds.

After Table Mountain, I head for the lush vineyards of Constantia, around 20 minutes away, to test my palate with a wine-tasting session at Bistro Sixteen82 at Steenberg Farm, which produces some of the country's finest wine.

To blow the cobwebs away after lunch, I head for Boulders Beach, home to colonies of African penguins nesting on the beach and waddling about on the rocks. You pay 60 rand (£3.30) to get in, but have good vantage points from the boardwalk.

Further up the coastline of False Bay, I stop off for souvenirs at the quirky, bohemian seaside town of Kalk Bay.

Sophisticated

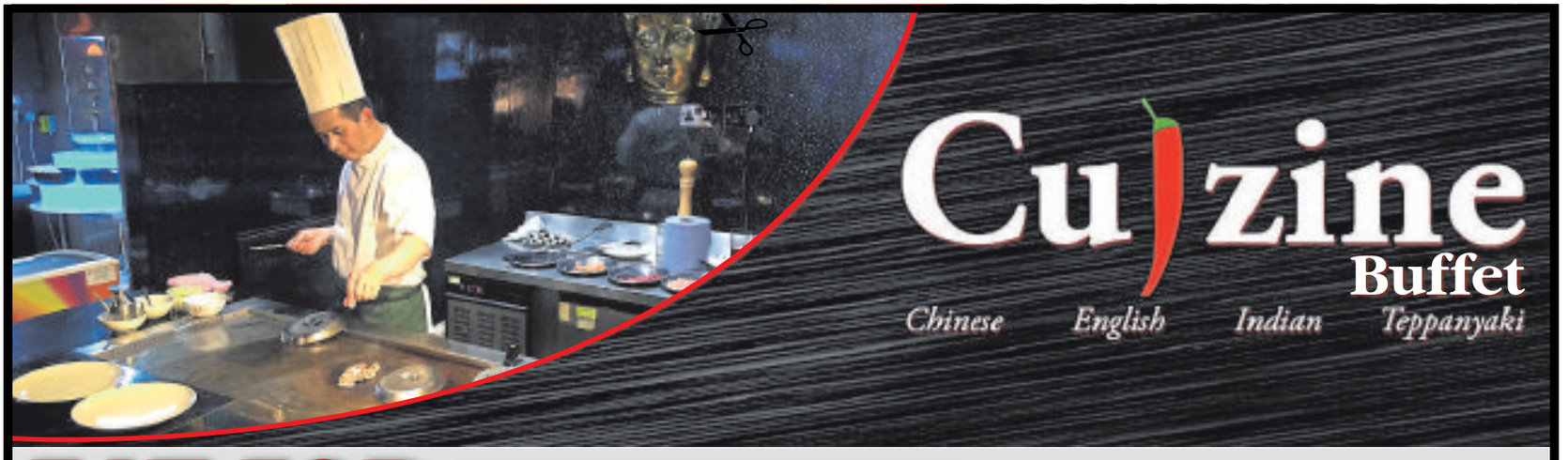
After a full day, I'm ready to try some of South Africa's finest fare. Cape Town offers a wealth of sophisticated dining based on local produce. I try springbok and ostrich while I'm here, as well as abundant seafood, from freshly caught tuna and angel fish, to oysters and scallops.

The next day, I venture to the spot I anticipate will be the highlight of my 48 hours – Robben Island. Catching the ferry from the Nelson Mandela Gateway at the fashionable V&A Waterfront, a symbol of Cape Town's resurgence post-apartheid with its trendy restaurants, upmarket shopping malls, colonial-style buildings and working harbour, Robben Island and all it represents could be a million miles away.

It's actually a half-hour boat ride to the island, a Unesco World Heritage Site, which had been used as a prison since the 17th century and also served as a leper colony and as a lunatic asylum. We're taken on a bus around this desolate scrubland stopping at the limestone quarry where the prisoners spent their days breaking rocks in the scorching sun.

Back on the mainland, I experience the other extreme, namely fashionable Clifton, one of the wealthiest areas of Cape Town.

Here, we stay at Cape View, which calls itself a luxury guesthouse but that's a huge understatement. Checking my watch, I've done my 48 hours but I wish I had more . . .



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Dancing Through the Blitz: Blackpool's Big Band Story (BBC2, 9.10pm)

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE day, Jools Holland, Lucy Worsley and Len Goodman celebrate the big band sound and explore the social history behind the music that saw Britain through the Second World War. They trace the evolution of big band music from its beginnings in 1920s America to its glory days in the three decades that followed. Jools demonstrates how the big band sound developed through the influence of legends such as Duke Ellington, while Len and Lucy explore the dancing that accompanied big bands during the war, like the energetic Jitterbug. Featuring contributions by Petula Clark, Roy Hudd and Juliet Gardiner.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Box. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying. Suzi Perry introduces coverage from the Hungaroring (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.20** Live Athletics: Anniversary Games. Coverage from the Olympic Stadium in London. **5.20** Celebrity Mastermind. With Ken Dodd, Ore Oduba, Lizzy Yarnold and Alex Riley. (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight chart-topping singers - Paul Young and Carol Decker, Sheila Ferguson and Dana, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott and Keith Duffy and Mikey Graham. (R)

6.40 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Prized Apart. The four remaining adventurers in Morocco compete on the side of Barrage el Mansour's dam, as the series reaches a dramatic finale. Last in the series.

8.05 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. The all-important winning numbers are revealed.

9.00 Casualty. Jacob starts his first day at Holby's accident and emergency department, and he immediately has to put his powers of persuasion to use when a lie nearly costs a girl her life. Medical drama, starring Charles Venn.

9.50 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes looks after a robotic baby that has been given to Dermot and Maria to help them prepare for their new arrival, but uses unorthodox methods to stop the fake infant from crying. Meanwhile, Cathy develops a crush on her psychology lecturer. Comedy, written by and starring Brendan O'Carroll. (R)

10.20 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.40 Not Going Out. The friends jet off on a summer holiday, only for Lucy and Daisy to endure the worst flight of their lives when Lee gets a bad case of the jitters on the plane. (R)

11.10 Film: The Proposal. (2009) A Canadian publishing editor trying to avoid deportation from America bribes her assistant into a marriage of convenience. Romantic comedy, with Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.35** Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix – Practice One. (R) **8.15** Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix – Practice Two. (R) **9.55** Live Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix – Practice Three. **11.10** F1 Rewind: First Wins. **12.10** Gene Kelly: Talking Pictures. (R) **12.45 Film:** Singin' in the Rain. (1952) Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly. **2.30** Escape to the Continent. **3.30** Flog It! (R) **4.00** The House That £100K Built. (R) **5.00** The House That £100K Built. Journalist Kieran Long and architect Piers Taylor follow the progress of Sholto and his partner Marcus, whose dream to build a dream home near Inverness has proved problematic. (R)

6.00 Ocean Queens: The Story of Cunard. As all three of Cunard's world famous liners make an historic visit to Liverpool, Simon O'Brien reflects on 175 years of pioneering transatlantic travel.

6.30 Gardeners' World. Monty Don travels to Cambridge for a tour of the garden at Clare College. He also catches up with various seasonal tasks at Longmeadow and harvests the first of his tomato crop. (R)

7.00 Proms Extra 2015. New series. Katie Derham chats to violinist Nicola Benedetti, who performs in the studio. Plus, previews of the week's concerts and David Owen Norris presents Inside the Score.

7.40 Edwardian Farm. Alex Langlands and Peter Ginn set sail on a fishing trip, steering a wind-powered vessel, casting a net and mastering sea shanties. Meanwhile, Ruth Goodman holds a seance. (R)

8.40 Dad's Army. The bumbling platoon boosts its fighting strength by acquiring an armoured car. Classic comedy, starring Clive Dunn and Arthur Lowe. (R)

9.10 Dancing Through the Blitz: Blackpool's Big Band Story. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE day, Jools Holland, Lucy Worsley and Len Goodman celebrate the big band sound that saw Britain through the Second World War.

10.40 Film: Zodiac. (2007) Fact-based crime thriller following the hunt for a serial killer who terrorised San Francisco in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Robert Downey Jr.

1.10 Film: Repo Chick. (2009) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** Surprise Surprise. (R) **2.35** The Chase. (R) **3.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **4.15** Tipping Point. (R) **5.15** Catchphrase. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Comedy from the mind of Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' videos. A toy bear is interrogated for information, a little girl's prayers turn into a terrifying threat, Disney princesses conduct body searches and One Direction vandalise a family home. Plus, the Great Susan Boyle Eyebrow Race and tips for keeping a marriage fresh. (R)

7.00 Film: Despicable Me. (2010) A criminal mastermind hopes to seal his reputation as the greatest villain of them all by stealing the moon. First he needs to get his hands on a shrinking ray owned by a rival evil genius, and adopts three orphan girls to help him – but finds that fatherhood brings out his long-buried caring side. Animated comedy, with the voices of Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand and Julie Andrews.

9.00 The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One. The spotlight is turned to the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Featuring interviews with Spandau Ballet, Bonnie Tyler and Madness, plus a look at the stories behind chart classics such as Don't You Want Me, Tainted Love, Billie Jean and Come On Eileen. Zoe Ball narrates.

10.25 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: Twins. (1988) Genetically designed twin brothers who were separated at birth set out on an adventure in search of their unknown mother. Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito.

12.40 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Ejector Seat. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Ironman UK Bolton. **6.35** FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.00** IPC World Swimming Championships 2015. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Rude(ish) Tube. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot and York. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. It is the final dinner party in Lancashire and the turn of sales manager Andy to host. He is confident in his locally sourced menu, but faces the challenge of impressing Nicky. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Homes by the Sea. Architectural designer Charlie Luxton visits the Isle of Skye in the Inner Hebrides to explore how some of the island's abandoned buildings are being brought back to life by an influx of newcomers. He explores a traditional Skye longhouse, which blends Scottish simplicity and Scandinavian chic, before viewing a white property and a contemporary farm house. Previously seen on More4.

8.00 Walking Through History: Norman Conquest of Pembrokeshire. Tony Robinson embarks on a four-day walk tracing the story of the Norman invasion of Wales, which he discovers was very different from the victory at Hastings. (R)

9.00 Film: Pitch Perfect. (2012) Premiere. A new student finds herself a social outcast during her first year of college, but soon acquires a new circle of friends in a band of misfits with a shared talent for singing. She joins their a cappella group and leads them to compete in the campus music competitions. Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson.

11.15 Film: The Tourist. (2010) A woman tries to trick the police into thinking a tourist is her criminal lover with his appearance surgically changed. Romantic thriller, with Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie.

1.15 The Last Leg. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **5.25** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. **5.30** Draw It! (R) **5.55** How I Met Your Mother. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.35 Film:** Columbo: Dead Weight. (1971) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) **4.05** Weather Terror: Brits in Peril. (R) **5.05** 5 News. The day's headlines. **5.10** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. A former financier who lives on a remote island in Laos. (R)

6.10 Benefits: 19 Kids and Counting the Cost. Three women on benefits who are struggling to bring up their children, including a mother-of-seven who also cares for her husband as he has health problems. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. Landlord Nicholas Parrington discovers a couple are subletting his house, just months after a previous tenant had turned the property into a brothel, while investors in a community centre for children are aghast when squatters move into their building. In Lewisham, the council's Rogue Landlord Unit raids one of their main streets, on the lookout for slum conditions, illegal overcrowding and criminal activities. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. High-court enforcement officers Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face some tough decisions when they are given the task of repossessing a house in which a woman is living with two young children. They also pursue a debt of more than £25,000 and visit a tenant in a fashionable London borough who has not paid his rent. (R)

9.00 Transporter: The Series. In Berlin, ex-special forces agent Frank finds a simple chauffeur job ferrying rich young socialite Delia back to her father quickly turns into a protection task after learning German crime lord Frieder Trumpf is aiming to kidnap the young heiress. Action drama, starring Chris Vance. Previously seen on Spike.

10.00 Live Championship Boxing. Nick Blackwell v Damon Jones. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the bout for the British Middleweight title, held at Derby Arena.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00 Film:** Shrek (2001) **10.25** Live at the Apollo **11.10** Family Guy **1.30** People Just Do Nothing **2.00** Some Girls **3.30** People Just Do Nothing **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **8.00** Pappano's Classical Voices: Baritones & Basses **9.00** Cordon **10.45** The Heart of Country: How Nashville Became Music City USA **12.15** Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music **1.15** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.50** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom **2.50** Timeshift: How to Be a Lady – An Elegant History **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.25 Catchphrase Celebrity Special **12.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness Record **12.55 Film:** The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (2005) **3.15** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **4.45 Film:** The Lake House (2006) **6.50 Film:** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00 Film:** Love Actually (2003) **11.45 Film:** Troy (2004) **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.10 Rosemary & Thyme **12.50** A Touch of Frost **4.50 Film:** Columbo: Forgotten Lady (1975) **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.05** Wire in the Blood **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Tour de France Highlights **12.00** Tour de France Live. Coverage of the 20th stage. **4.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **5.00** Counting Cars **6.00** Storage Wars: Texas **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00 Film:** The Living Daylights (1987) **10.40 Film:** The Long Kiss Goodnight (1996) **1.05** Tour de France Highlights **1.55** The Cycle Show **2.45** Movies Now **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Melissa & Joey **12.30** Baby Daddy **1.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.30 Film:** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Shallow Hal (2001) **11.15** Gogglebox **12.50** Bad Robots **1.20** Rude Tube **2.25** Virtually Famous **3.10** How I Met Your Mother **3.50** Rude(ish) Tube **4.15** Revenge

Film4

11.00 Silent Running (1972) **1.00** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **3.05** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **4.45** The Grinch (2000) **6.55** Scrooged (1988) **9.00** Transporter 3 (2008) **11.05** Hush (2008) **12.50** The Insider (1999) **4.00** Close

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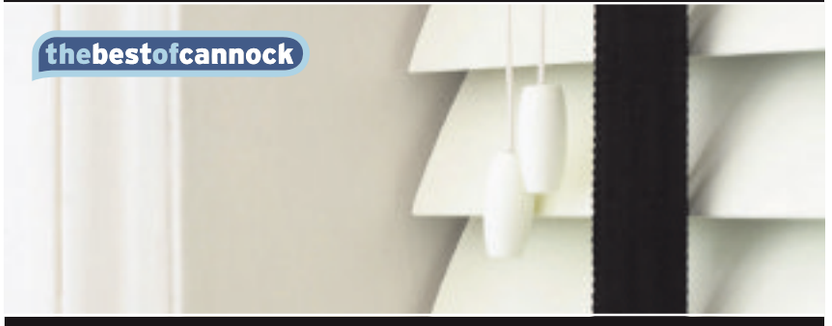

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SUNDAY'S TV JULY 26

CHOICE

Fiona Bruce

Fake or Fortune? (BBC1, 8pm)

Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould help Under-Sheriff and Secondary of London Charles Henty investigate whether two paintings in his possession are as valuable as he thinks. The first is a landscape picture of Dedham in Essex, thought to have been painted by pre-eminent British artist Alfred Munnings, and the second painting is of a medieval French village, and was rumoured to have been produced by part-time painter, full-time prime minister Winston Churchill. Charles hopes the sale of these two potentially pricey heirlooms will help protect jobs at a working French farm he inherited from his late uncle, but first he must learn whether the pictures are truly genuine. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Live Formula 1: The Hungarian Grand Prix. Coverage of the race from the Hungaroring (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** A Question of Sport. (R) **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) **5.00** Lifeline. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker, Ellie Harrison, Adam Henson and Tom Heap visit the Kent County Show for the programme's summer special. John Hammond uses a weird and wonderful experiment to demonstrate why the area's climate is so good for growing fruit, while there are displays from the Metropolitan Mounted Police and a Spitfire fly-by to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Football Focus presenter Dan Walker is also on hand to commentate on a race with a difference as the presenters pit their wits against each other, including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould explore the history of two potentially valuable pictures thought to have been painted by Alfred Munnings and Winston Churchill. Last in the series.

9.00 Partners in Crime. New series. Crime drama based on novels by Agatha Christie. An ordinary married couple are thrust into a world of international espionage. Starring David Walliams and Jessica Raine, with Clarke Peters, Alice Krige and James Fleet.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Prized Apart. The four remaining adventurers in Morocco compete on the side of Barrage el Mansour's dam, as the series reaches a dramatic finale. Last in the series. (R)

11.35 Don't Tell the Bride. Darren plans a movie premiere-inspired wedding for his bride-to-be Jacquie and has a budget of £14,000 to spend, but she is hoping for a small, elegant and traditional event. (R)

12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.40** Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.40** Countryfile. (R) **8.25** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.55** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.25** BMX World Championships. **10.25** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.55** The Box. (R) **12.25** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **1.25** Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.15 Film:** Shall We Dance? (1937) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Two Tribes. **5.00** Hair. (R) **5.30** Hair. (R)

6.00 Ghost Bear Family: Natural World. Canadian film-maker Jeff Turner and his own family spend a year with a family of North American black bears that are born pure white due to a quirk of genetics. (R)

7.00 Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways. The development of the UK's rail network, from its beginnings as a primitive system of trackways for coal carts in the early 18th century up to the present day. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. A pair of entrepreneurs try to persuade the Dragons to invest in their potential solution to tidying TV cables, while Peter, Touker and Nick test out muscle enhancing clothing.

9.00 Odyssey. Odelle is reunited with her young friend Aslam, while Harrison makes inquires about a story his father left unfinished. Thriller, starring Anna Friel and Jake Robinson.

9.45 The Javone Prince Show. The PhoneShop and Horrible Histories actor is attacked by ninjas, reveals Will.i.am's new role as a HR consultant, hears all about his announcer's grudge against actor Idris Elba.

10.15 Family Guy. Brian becomes an estate agent after having cosmetic surgery.

10.35 Family Guy. Peter and Quagmire form a singer-songwriter partnership.

10.55 Family Guy. Peter goes on a quest to save Quahog's annual Christmas carnival from cancellation, which involves transforming his father in-law from a scrooge to a home-town hero.

11.20 Film: Adventureland. (2009) Comedy, with Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart and Ryan Reynolds.

1.00 Film: Kicks. (2009) **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.05** Holby City. (R) **4.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Fish Hooks. **8.00** Young Justice: Invasion. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.35** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (R) **2.35** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.35 Film:** King Ralph. (1991)The British royal family is wiped out in a freak accident, making a slobbish Las Vegas singer the claimant to the throne. Comedy, with John Goodman, Peter O'Toole and John Hurt.

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.40 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Meet the Penguins. Documentary following the story of Adrian Walls, head of birds at London Zoo, as he fulfils a lifelong ambition to see endangered Humboldt penguins in the wilds of Peru.

8.00 Surprise Surprise. Holly Willoughby celebrates one last selection of public heroes, including a woman with cancer who helps terminally ill people enjoy the wedding of their dreams. Last in the series.

9.00 Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure. Joanna concludes her journey, visiting the city where the Russian royal family was killed, before returning to the place where she was photographed in 1966. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive. Kelly Holmes, Mike Tindall and Vogue Williams battle to be crowned winner, as they abseil down a waterfall and follow the sound of a distress signal. Last in the series. (R)

11.20 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Beverley Callard. The Coronation Street star looks back on her acting career and turbulent personal life. She reveals how a nervous breakdown led her to the brink of suicide. She also reflects on her four marriages, and opens up about her grandfather, who was jailed for killing a man. (R)

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** Anniversary Games Athletics. Coverage of the meeting at The Stadium at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. **4.40** Channel 4 News. **5.10 Film:** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. (2009) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf.

8.00 Experimental. New series. Presenter Tim Shaw and daredevil friend Buddy Munro travel the globe to recreate some of the most famous – and dangerous – viral videos to have ever appeared on the internet, hoping to uncover the scientific truth behind them in the process. In the first episode, Tim tries to remake a video of Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic playing tennis on the wings of a flying plane, taking Buddy to Germany to see if they can achieve the same on an Antonov AN-2 aircraft. Strapped to the wings, Buddy challenges a professional air-acrobat to a rally hundreds of metres above the German countryside. The pair also drop 7,000 mint sweets into 1,000 litres of cola, and Buddy tries an unusual fireman's lift in Whitehaven, Cumbria – being elevated on a platform by just the force of fire engine water hoses.

9.00 Humans. Pete tries to find out who Karen really is, but is unprepared for what he finds out. Laura provides the fugitive synths with a safe hiding place as Hobb closes in on them.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers panel game, in which Sean Lock and Mel Giedroyc compete against Lee Mack and David O'Doherty. With Adam Buxton in Dictionary Corner. (R)

11.00 Film: The Change-Up. (2011) Two friends envy each other's lives, but when they magically switch bodies, they both learn that the other does not have it so easy. Comedy, with Jason Bateman.

1.10 Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits. **2.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** You Deserve This House. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. **5.30** Draw It! (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.05** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.30** Jelly Jamm. (R) **8.45** LazyTown. (R) **9.15** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.45** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** Access. **10.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.20 Film:** Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **3.10 Film:** Big Momma's House 2. (2006) Comedy sequel, starring Martin Lawrence. **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15** Britain's Best Loved Double Acts. (R)

8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. The actor introduces more clips of police in action. In Lincolnshire, officers are hot on the heels of a burglar, a roadside stop results in a huge bag of cannabis being discovered, and Jon Peacock encounters the country's fussiest felon. Plus, police in Essex deal with a potential hostage situation. Previously seen on Spike.

9.00 Film: Resident Evil: Retribution. (2012) Premiere. Zombie fighter Alice finds herself trapped in a top-secret underground base as a virus sweeps the world, turning the human race into the undead. She battles through the complex in search of those responsible for the outbreak and faces an old friend, now under the control of her enemies. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory and Michelle Rodriguez. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm.

10.50 Film: The Last of the Mohicans. (1992) A frontiersman falls for a British officer's daughter who is being hunted by a vengeful war chief during the Anglo-French War. Adventure, with Daniel Day-Lewis and Madeleine Stowe.

1.00 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Under the Dome. Christine plays mind games with the townsfolk of Chester's Mill. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. A Victorian house in Norwich. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix – Highlights **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00 Film:** Meet the Fockers (2004) **10.50** Live at the Apollo **11.20** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **12.25** Family Guy **12.50** People Just Do Nothing **1.20** Don't Take My Baby **2.20** The Ugly Face of Disability Hate Crime **3.15** Live at the Apollo **3.50** Great TV Mistakes

BBC Four

7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony **8.15** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **9.00** A Blackpool Big Band Boogie: Jools Holland and His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra **10.00** Len Goodman's Big Band Bonanza **11.00** The Golden Age of Steam Railways **12.00** Brakeless: Why Trains Crash – Storyville **1.00** Great American Rock Anthems: Turn It Up to 11 **2.00** What Ever Happened to Rock 'n' Roll? **3.00** The Golden Age of Steam Railways

ITV2

12.15 Take Me Out **1.40** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.45** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **3.45 Film:** Beethoven (1991) **5.30 Film:** Scooby-Doo (2002) **7.15 Film:** Johnny English (2003) **9.00 Film:** 300 (2006) **11.20** Safeword **12.00 Film:** Romy and Michele's High School Reunion (1997) **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.00 Film: Columbo: Forgotten Lady (1975) **1.05 Film:** Vanity Fair (2004) **3.55 Film:** On the Buses (1971) **5.45** A Touch of Frost **8.00** Inspector Morse **10.20** Birds of a Feather **10.50 Film:** Something's Gotta Give (2003) **1.15** Blue Murder **2.40** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin **3.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

12.00 Tour de France Highlights **1.00** Tour de France Live: La Course. The women's 90km race. **3.00** Storage Wars: New York **4.00** Tour de France Live. Coverage of the 21st stage. **7.00** Counting Cars **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.00** Tour de France Highlights **10.00 Film:** Tango & Cash (1989) **12.10 Film:** DOA: Dead or Alive (2006) **1.40** Duck Dynasty **2.05** Tour de France Highlights **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.25 Couples Come Dine with Me **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** The Big Bang Theory – E4's Top 20 **8.00 Film:** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **10.15** Gogglebox **11.55 Film:** Scary Movie 2 (2001) **1.30** Tattoo Fixers **2.35** Rules of Engagement **3.20** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 An Elephant Called Slowly (1970) **1.00** Step Up 3 (2010) **3.10** Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **4.50** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) **6.40** The Core (2003) **9.00** Taken (2008) **10.50** End of Watch (2012) **1.00** Gone Too Far! (2013)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
From Hell, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A detective tries to use his opium-triggered visions to put an end to Jack the Ripper's reign of terror over 19th-century London. But in the course of his investigation, he uncovers a sinister conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of Victorian society. Mystery thriller, based on Alan Moore's comic book series, starring Johnny Depp. (2001)

TUESDAY
Twelve Monkeys, BBC1, 11.45pm
A time traveller from 2035 journeys back to the 1990s to discover the cause of a deadly disease that ravaged the world, only to be thrown into an asylum. He meets a fellow patient who may hold the key to his mission, but the longer he spends in the past, the more he comes to question whether he really is from the future or simply delusional. Terry Gilliam's sci-fi thriller, with Bruce Willis and Brad Pitt. (1995)

WEDNESDAY
Dear Viola, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. A shy woman takes over a newspaper's advice column and soon begins to fall in love with a widower she starts corresponding with. Romantic comedy, starring Kellie Martin. (2014)

AI: Artificial Intelligence, Friday, BBC1, 11.15pm

THURSDAY
A Killer Among Us, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A homicide detective refuses to give up when the murder of a woman goes unsolved, and continues to discreetly investigate after the case is closed. He becomes convinced the victim's husband is the killer, and recruits their teenage daughter as an accomplice to gather evidence against her own father. Crime thriller, starring Tess Atkins and Tom Cavanagh. (2012)

FRIDAY
AI: Artificial Intelligence, BBC1, 11.15pm
A robot boy programmed to see his owner as a parent tries to become human, so the 'mother' who rejected him will love him. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi drama, starring Haley Joel Osment, Jude Law, William Hurt and Frances O'Connor. (2001)

Couple are drawn into a dangerous world

Think of Agatha Christie and what immediately springs to mind?

Probably fastidious Belgian detective Hercule Poirot and sharp-as-a-tack pensioner Miss Marple.

In fact, there are maybe even some people who have never read any of her work that believe Christie's output only features those two formidable characters.

But how wrong they are.

Christie wrote a variety of books and short stories that featured neither of them, as well as four novels and a collection of tales featuring the adventures of Tommy and Tuppence Beresford, a pair of married amateur detectives.

The Beresfords first popped up in 1922, and their adventures spanned the next 50 years – indeed their final story, Postern of Fate, was the last novel written by Christie.

This take on their tales takes place solely in the 1950s and stars David Walliams and Jessica Raine as the daring duo. It also mixes espionage, drama and humour against the backdrop of the Cold War.

The first run features two stories – The Secret Adversary and N or M? – and lasts six weeks. Christie's books are relatively short and tend to be adapted into feature-length dramas, so it's refreshing that here, viewers have something to really get their teeth into – as well as the potential for cliffhangers at the end of each episode.

In fact, the whole project appears to have been put together with tender loving care.

"David Walliams and Hilary Strong from the Agatha Christie Group came to discuss the fact that they wanted to reinvent Tommy and Tuppence," says executive producer Hilary Bevan Jones. "David was particularly tickled by the idea of a married amateur detective duo and the image of them bickering over a dead body.

"Christie has a wonderful sense of humour and I'm not sure how many people of this generation know that. We decided to think of it as Indiana Jones meets Agatha Christie."

Eyebrows may be raised at the thought of Walliams playing Tommy, but Zinnie Harris, who adapted their first case, The Secret Adversary, for the small screen, reckons he's perfect.

"David is a wonderful Tommy as I always thought he would be," she reveals. "He is a great combination of brave, gung-ho and a bit left-footed which is quite a hard thing to pull off. I love what he has done with the character.

"But more than that, David and I worked quite closely as the first script was being shaped and written so he brought masses to the whole series. He was a great collaborator as all those early decisions about tone and story were being made. In fact many of the best ideas were his!"

Will we be seeing more of Tommy and Tuppence once this run is over? According to Walliams, that's up to us.

"We certainly hope there will be more Tommy and Tuppence adventures," he remarks. "There are more books to adapt and it's been a real pleasure filming these two stories. But ultimately, it's what the public think. If the public enjoy it, then I am sure there will be more. It has been a brilliant adventure so far..."

Jessica Raine and David Walliams star in Partners in Crime, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Food Unwrapped: Diets for Summer
Channel 4, 8pm
Jimmy Doherty, Kate Quilton and Matt Tebbutt reveal the latest scientific tips and ideas on how food can help people tone up their bodies. Jimmy goes on an east Asian adventure to look for the mystery ingredient in a new range of diet foods containing konjac noodles, which have no fat and virtually no calories, and also discovers that finding out the calorific content of alcohol isn't easy. Kate examines research suggesting eating nuts can help shed pounds rather than piling them on, while Matt investigates ways to hone biceps and abs.

TUESDAY
The Three Day Nanny
Channel 4, 8pm
Is it really possible to turn the life of a family around in just three days? If the first run of this series is anything to go by, yes. It followed the progress of professional childminder Kathryn Mewes, who has spent the past 20 or so years taking care of youngsters. During that time, she has developed certain methods that can help parents with badly behaved children. Dom Bird, Channel 4's head of formats, says: "I am delighted to be bringing Nanny Mewes' expertise back to the screens as she tackles the behavioural problems of a whole new set of children and fretful parents." She begins in East Grinstead, West Sussex, where Susan and James Rogers are having trouble with three-year-old twins Alfie and Harry.

WEDNESDAY
The Day They Dropped The Bomb
ITV, 10.40pm
On August 6, 1945 the world changed forever, when a uranium gun-type atomic bomb (codenamed Little Boy) was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima by the US Air Force's Boeing B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay. Little Boy exploded 2,000 feet above the city, destroyed five square miles, and eventually killed in excess of 160,000 people. This documentary marks the 70th anniversary of the day the world's first atomic bomb was detonated, and features an in-depth account of what happened on that tragic day, through rarely seen archive footage and unique interviews with eyewitnesses. Also interviewed is Enola Gay navigator Theodore Van Kirk, who was the last surviving member of the crew who dropped the bomb, before his death last year.

BBQ Champ, Friday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
The Holiday Airport: Sun, Sea & Scousers
Channel 5, 8pm
Grand National fever hits the airport as hundreds of excited race-goers pass through for the annual steeplechase. A skateboarding crew from Herefordshire are en route to Barcelona, but when it turns out some of them have a fear of flying, it seems they might not get very far, while a woman who has lost more than eight stone fuels up at the airport restaurants and bars before flying out to Palma for the sporting challenge of a lifetime.

FRIDAY
BBQ Champ
ITV, 9pm
For some people, a successful BBQ means that the burgers are only burnt on the outside and no one goes home with food poisoning. But this new series, which could also have been called the Great British Grill Off, sees presenter Myleene Klass inviting a group of contestants to combine raw meat and fire to make something truly spectacular in the hope of being declared King or Queen of the BBQ. Each week, the hopefuls will be given two chances to impress judges Adam Richman of Man vs Food fame, and British chef and restaurateur Mark Blatchford as they take part in one challenge at BBQ HQ before heading off to another on location. This week, that means rustling up a dish that shows off their personality, before working together to create a barbecue buffet.

Ripper Street
BBC1, 9pm
There were howls of outrage in December 2013 when it was announced that there wouldn't be a third series of this gritty period drama. Luckily, the BBC listened, as they subsequently teamed up with Amazon Prime to revive the show. And now, for anyone who hasn't already watched it online, here's a chance to see why the fans wanted to keep it going, as the third season come to the BBC. In this opening edition, the robbery of a goods train and a locomotive disaster on Leman Street leads Reid, Drake and Jackson to reunite after four years apart.

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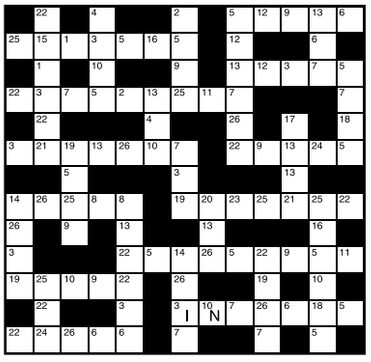

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 E	2 R	3 D	4 G	5 X	6 T	7 F	8 H	9 S	10 N	11 L	12 K	13 P
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Double Crossword

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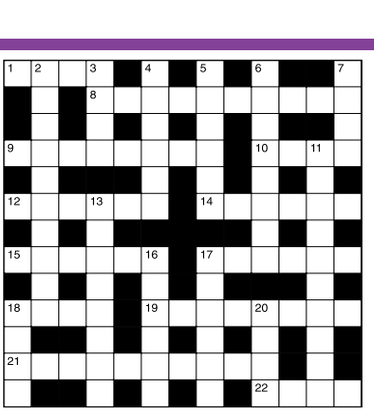

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Come a cropper in the cropping season? (4)
8. Apropos the sign of possession... (10)
9. ... be seen again to gather fruit (8)
10. Shed players (4)
12. It's obvious father can camp (6)
14. Fearsome things almost - they can't be right! (6)
15. Didn't get the desired husband? (6)
17. Despises ship holding grain (6)
18. The weather they have at Spithead at present (4)
19. Flowers, perhaps (8)
21. Failed to notice being in somebody's view (10)
22. Favourites return at the interval (4)

Down

2. Later change a can with nothing in it for a change (10)
3. The French politician throws light on things (4)
4. Powerful ring given for article in 12 (6)
5. Averts disaster only to die of hunger (6)
6. Entertainment with nothing but a musical composition (8)
7. Master the rhythm? (4)
11. A season in leap-year, no doubt (10)
13. Tread was pointing to the rising sun (8)
16. It may mean no treat when he treats! (6)
17. Match action taken by workers (6)
18. Tops up here (4)
20. The last things to associate with odds (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Girl (4)
8. Ineffective (10)
9. Footpath (8)
10. Not new (4)
12. Amuse (6)
14. Marauder (6)
15. Put in (6)
17. Invent (6)
18. Liability (4)
19. Capsize (8)
21. Confederate (10)
22. Humble (4)

Down

2. Disagreeing (2,8)
3. Certain (4)
4. Mourn (6)
5. Raillery (6)
6. Light up (8)
7. Old (4)
11. Voters (10)
13. Building (6)
16. Company (6)
17. Believe (6)
18. Do business (4)
20. Pour (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	9	8	2	5	6	1	3	7
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3	8	2	9	4	5	7	1	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Image; 8 Ironing; 9 Handsaw; 10 Locum; 12 Large print; 15 Rolling sea; 18 Eight; 19 Ordinal; 21 Find out; 22 Amiss. Down: 1 Light verse; 2 Maine; 3 Pens; 4 Bigwig; 5 Collapse; 6 Circuit; 11 Metabolism; 13 Aviation; 14 Elegant; 16 Ghosts; 17 Anvil; 20 Drag. QUICK - Across: 7 Touch; 8 Actions; 9 Tuneful; 10 Rider; 12 Settlement; 15 Evanescent; 18 Yearn; 19 Uniform; 21 Classic; 22 Learn. Down: 1 Stationery; 2 Funny; 3 Chef; 4 Tablet; 5 Sturgeon; 6 Soldier; 11 Retirement; 13 Evenness; 14 Caravan; 16 Crutch; 17 Focal; 20 Idle.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. What nationality was detective writer Georges Simenon?
2. In what year was the St. Valentine's Day massacre?
3. What type of variety act was made popular by Edgar Bergen and Ray Alan?
4. Who was born first, Yoko Ono or John Lennon?
5. With which branch of science do you associate Copernicus?
6. Which agricultural pioneer invented the seed drill?
7. What was the real surname of American black muslim leader Malcolm X?
8. From which country did the U.S. buy Florida?
9. Of which country was Juan Peron the president?
10. What does RADAR stand for?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Violin; 2 22; 3 Franklin D Roosevelt; 4 Hiram Maxim; 5 New Zealand; 6 Capability; 7 Ruritania; 8 1983; 9 The first men's and women's public flushing lavatories; 10 Escoffier.

Niner: HYPOCRITE

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

835 gives an animal,
91529 gives a large bird,
5362745 gives a baby bird.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Chess fanatic Alan to check out players for new league

A VETERAN chess player from Penkridge hopes to attract clubs in the county to create a league of national standing.

Alan Ruffle has played chess since 1956 and has been trying to find a venue for league games. He now intends to gather district clubs to start a Saturday morning league at the The Haling Dene Centre.

By Joe Edwards

Mr Ruffle, aged 69, of Haling Road, said: "There hasn't been a club in Penkridge because of a lack of a venue.

"I've sent a circulation to local clubs to play on a Saturday morning and then select players for the Four Nations Chess League, which is where all the top chess masters play.

"The ones who want to play will be picked, those who want to play will be the best players."

Mr Ruffle has devoted almost 60 years of his life to chess, having many prestigious roles within the game.

He was the English Chess Federation's junior director in 2005, helped set up the Dudley Chess League in 1976 and was the general secretary of the West Midlands Police Chess Club for 26 years. Since retiring in 2001, Mr Ruffle has not played any league chess and now plays only in tournaments. "It will be done properly, I'm not prepared to stand for second best. It would be a league of national standing," he added.

During the past three months he has been heavily involved with coaching at three schools – Stafford's Barnfields Primary School and St Pauls CofE, and Princefield First School in Penkridge.

Mr Ruffle will also continue coaching at Penkridge Library during the school summer holidays on Thursdays in preparation for the Staffordshire Junior Chess Championships in October.

Any parents looking to get their children involved can contact Alan on aa.chess@btopenworld.com

Smart move – Alan Ruffle, from Haling Road, Penkridge, wants to start a chess league in the area

Firm wins for trade overseas

A BUSINESS software company based at Dunston, between Stafford and Penkridge, was among the winners in the inaugural Staffordshire Business Awards.

The international trade award was presented to EG Solutions at the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce awards dinner at Staffordshire County Showground.

There were more than 300 entries for the 11 categories with sheet metal fabrications business KMF Metal, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, winning the overall business of the year accolade.

Stafford-based information technology consultancy company Risual won the professional business of the year award.

Learn to swim on new course

PENKRIDGE Leisure Centre is to introduce a new course of adult swimming lessons next month.

Lessons are available for non-swimmers and those wanting to improve their skills, with the first taking place between 7pm and 9pm on August 7.

Operations manager Matt Turner said: "Our experienced swimming instructor has the ability to help pupils overcome fears and gain confidence in the water." Call 01785 714152.

Runners set for huge test of strength

RUNNERS are preparing for a punishing test of physical and mental strength in an event near Penkridge next month.

The Scorpion Run at Lower Drayton will raise funds for Caudwell Children. It starts at midday on Sunday, August 2.

Managed by an experienced team of personal fitness instructors and ex-SAS soldiers, the event features the 10K Emperor and 20K Deathstalker assault courses, comprising of 30 and 50 obstacles respectively.

The organisers have offered an extra incentive with 20 per cent off entry. Enter the code 'Cwell20' at the online checkout before July 28. In addition, £5 from every entry will be donated to the charity.

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Hednesford

Greenheath Road £180,000

An ideal family home! What more could you ask for? The spacious accommodation is beautifully presented, there is a large established garden to the rear and to the front ample off road parking and garage. To add to the benefits, this lovely property is within walking distance of Hednesford town centre, train station, shops and amenities. An early viewing essential!
Awaiting EPC

Hednesford

Priory Road £160,00

If you want that WOW!! factor for living accommodation this is this property for you!! Spacious airy lounge, leading to good sized dining kitchen which leads to a lovely conservatory overlooking a landscaped garden with raised decking area. To add to the delights of this lovely family home there is also a detached garage and driveway with parking for several cars. Epc Rating = C.

Cannock

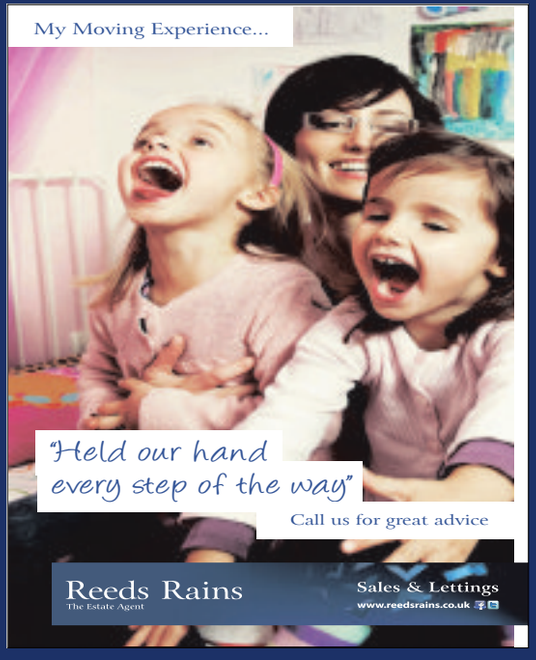
Bevan Lee Road £125,000

If you are a first time buyer wanting the space of a traditional property with all modern features then this lovely semi detached is for you!! Being fully refurbished throughout by the current owners and having the added benefits of off road parking and a downstairs wc, this property is a must see!!
Epc Rating D.

Walsall Wood

Bridge Road £90,000

Attention all investors or first time buyers!!! This delightful apartment is conveniently located close to Walsall and the amenities this has to offer and yet still has the village location feel. Having the benefits of secure parking and a spacious kitchen this apartment has everything to offer the new owner.
EPC Rating = B



Hednesford

Casa Mia Court £67,500

Calling all investors!! An ideal purchase for rental, two bedroom maisonette with patio area to the front and communal parking. Town centre location, an early inspection essential.
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EPC Grade = C

Heath Hayes

Cannock Road £155,000

A main road location with an open aspects to the front. You are able to face the open views over the local area, meaning that you have the best of both worlds. Also the family accommodation offers living space and both a driveway and garage at the rear, with secure access from Gorsemoor Road giving you peace of mind.
EPC Grade = D

Cannock

Turner Close £110,000

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Hednesford

George Street £146,000

With a little TLC this detached bungalow could well have the wow factor you are looking for, with all the benefits of a sun room at the rear and a detached garage to provide ample of road parking, this bungalow would be a great choice for anyone wanting their forever home.
EPC Grade =D

Cannock

Newhall Street £150,000

Having all the appeal and wow factor of a traditional home this lovely semi detached must be viewed internally to really appreciate all it has to offer. Having both spacious rooms and a Town Centre location, this lovely semi detached property will appeal to many.
Epc Rating = E.

Cannock

Hednesford Road £115,000

A fantastic opportunity to live in a period property with a modern feel, this terraced home is in a ideal town centre location and has off road parking to the rear. The spacious accommodation means that it makes an idea family home or a first time purchase. Epc Rating = D.

Hednesford

Florence Street £575pcm

Available Now!
A fantastic cottage style traditional semi-detached home, complete with upstairs bathroom and the convenience of a downstairs guest cloak room. Situated in the popular town of Hednesford with its good local amenities, the transport links and close proximity to the wonderful Cannock Chase. EPC Grade = D

Hednesford

Gray Road £90,000

Completely renovated to an excellent standard, this one bedroom bungalow is ready for the potential buyer to move straight into!! Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom and situated in a lovely elevated position in a cul-de-sac location of similar properties. Available to purchase with no upward chain.
EPC Rating = C

Cannock

Don Grove £575pcm

Available mid August!
Close to town centre and on a corner plot, making this two bedroom semi detached an idea option if you want to live close to Cannock. Also having a utility room and rear garden it means that the property offers you the space needed to become a great family home. Epc Rating = D.

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Forge Close,Churchbridge
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- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite

Offers in Region Of £155,000

Falcon Close,Cannock
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating

£150,000

Foxtail Way,Wimblebury
- End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Rear Garden

£140,000

East Cannock Road,Hednesford
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Through Lounge Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom

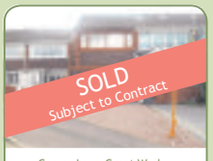
Offers in Region Of £140,000

Hobby Way,Heath Hayes
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Communal Hallway
- Open Plan Lounge Diner/Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazed

Offers in Region Of £115,000

Paget Mews,Hednesford
- Mid Terrace Mews
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Electric Heating & Double Glazing
- Communal Front & Rear Gardens

£110,000



Gorsey Lane,Great Wyrley
- End Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Porch

£105,000

Lupin Drive,Huntington
- Modern Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Hallway
- Communal Gardens

Offers in Excess of £100,000

Apple Walk,Heath Hayes
- Second Floor Apartment
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking

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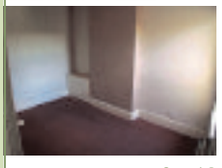

Cannock Road,Cannock

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- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking
- 1st Floor Flat
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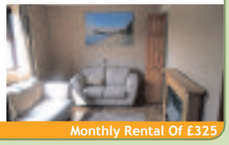
- Communal Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing



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- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Visitor Parking
- Electric Heating
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £400

Carfax,Cannock

- Entrance Hall
- Hallway
- Lounge
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- Bathroom
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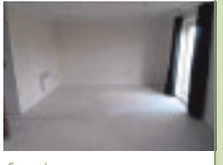

Hobby Way,Cannock

- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- En-suite
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

Monthly Rental Of £550

Horseshoe Drive,Cannock

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- Double Glazing
- Hallway
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- Re-fitted Shower Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner

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- Parking For Several Vehicles
- Good Sized Rear Garden
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SOLD!

Essex Drive,Rugeley

- SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW
- NEEDING SOME MODERNISATION
- HALL, LOUNGE, KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM
- SITTING ROOM
- GARAGE
- GARDENS

SOLD!

Noddington Lane,Lichfield

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Maisonette
- Whittington Village Location
- Off Road Parking
- Currently Let out- instant return
- Lounge
- Kitchen

Offers in Excess of £95,000

Watson Close,Rugeley

- The bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family bathroom
- Semi detached
- Allocated parking
- Front Garden
- Rear Garden

£118,000

NEW

Lion Street,Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOM HOUSE
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- LARGE SINGLE BEDROOM
- LOCAL AMENITIES
- INVESTMENT PROPERTY

£117,500

No Chain

The Laurels,Rugeley

- TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
- KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- RECEPTION ROOM
- COMMUNAL GARDEN
- COMMUNAL PARKING
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- SCHEME MANAGED

£115,000

Edwards Road,Burntwood

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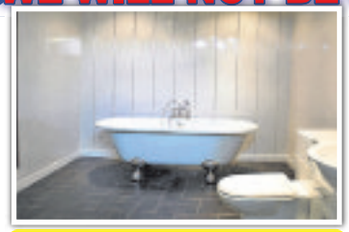

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Heaven is a place on earth for Mika

ALBUM REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

There is a gentle theme of empowerment and Mika even takes a pop at the church

FLAMBOYANT pop star Mika, who topped the charts across Europe in 2006 with the Freddie Mercury-like Grace Kelly, is back with his fourth album, No Place In Heaven.

Though he hasn't been so high profile in the UK in recent years, he has continued to have hits on the continent where he has been a judge on the Italian version of The X Factor and the French version of The Voice.

And if No Place In Heaven fails to capture the joi de vivre of his irrepressible debut Life in Cartoon Motion, it comes close in places and is seldom short of enjoyable.

There is a gentle theme of empowerment and Mika even takes a well-mannered pop at the church on the title track. 'There's no place in heaven for someone like me,' he sings.

Talk About You is pure big chorus pop, All She Wants sees the falsetto return, and a more melancholy side is shown on Hurts and Ordinary Man, the piano-led latter track reminiscent of She's The One by Robbie Williams.

Sarah Cracknell, the former voice of cult '60s-inspired stylists Saint Etienne, returns with her first solo project in over 15 years on **Red Kite**. Her light-as-a-feather vocals are breathy almost to a whisper and a couple of the songs here are so gossamer delicate that they could float between your ears without making much impression, at first.

But there are some lovely melodies here including a quite gorgeous lilting motif for On The Swings (think Dusty Springfield, Sandie Shaw and French'60s pop) and the pure pop that masks a broken heart on Nothing Left To Talk About,a duet with Nicky Wire of The Manic Street Preachers. Elsewhere there are elements of pastoral folk for In The Dark, Sgt Peppered soul on Ragdoll, a Nancy Sinatra-like rocker Hearts Are For Breaking, the 60s influenced Underneath The Stars and country-pop flavoured Take The Silver, featuring The Rails.

It ends with a lovely Beach Boys-influenced lullaby, Favourite Chair... don't leave it so long for next time please Sarah.

Named I suspect after an Echo and the Bunnymen album, San Diego's **Crocodiles** hark back to the 1960s on **Boys**, a highly enjoyable blast of psychedelic pop drawing on such influences as The Velvet Underground, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club and Phil Spector's classic wall of sound.

Highlights include Foolin' Around, which twists the Billie Jean riff into a garage rock context as Brandon Welchez deploys his best sneer, and the Boots Are Made For Walkin' stomp of Do The Void. The reverb-drenched The Boy Is A Tramp shows they can handle a change of pace to dramatically good effect.

Much-missed American band The Cramps were one of rock's wilder outfits, lurching out of Hollywood like gold-lamé clad zombies, poisoned by a diet of rockabilly and horror B-movies. **The Incredibly Strange Music Box: 60 Songs rom The Cramps' Crazy Collection** his is the second album to mine Poison Ivy and the late Lux Interior's record collection of raw rock, boogie, blues and novelties from the 1950s and early '60s, and its a two-CD feast of the ridiculous, odd and frantic.

Highlights include Charlie Feathers' Stutterin' Cindy and Wild Wild Party (you can see where Lux got his vocal style from), haunted house rocker Shock Treatment by The Invaders, and The Ventures' fuzzed-up proto-psych version of Green Onions.

Glen Reeves does theTarzan call rockabilly style, honking wildman sax from Spot Barnett on Sweetmeats and expletive-toting doo wop Don't **** Around With Love by The Blenders.

Amusing sleevenotes are provided by Mojo Magazine's Dave Henderson.

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"To provide this 24/7 service Blood Bikes need to constantly fundraise and at a presentation to Rugeley & District Lions Club they outlined their current need for satellite navigation equipment. Lions International promotes a number of medical initiatives so it was unanimously agreed to sponsor this equipment with money raised in our community to help save local lives."

Delight over county day

A SPECIAL day to celebrate Staffordshire's rich history and culture has been given the backing of a county MP.

Gavin Williamson mooted the idea of a Staffordshire Day at the end of last year, and is delighted that it will now become a reality. "It is long overdue," he said.

The move was sparked by the success of Black Country Day, now in its third year, launched by neighbours in the West Midlands.

County bosses are calling on residents to choose a date on which to hold annual festivities.

The first will be next year to mark Staffordshire's 1,000th anniversary celebrations.

Five important dates in the county's past have been put forward as contenders, including July 5, the day in 2009 when the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered on the Burntwood-Brownhills border.

Mr Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, said: "I'm delighted, and the idea of giving the Staffordshire public a say in when it should be is brilliant. It is one of the most visited counties in the country, having an area of outstanding beauty in Cannock Chase, and world-class tourist attractions in Alton Towers and Drayton Manor."

County councillor and Cannock Chase District Council leader George Adamson also welcomed the initiative. He said: "It's an excellent idea.

"People are rightly proud to say they come from Staffordshire, and this would be a chance to celebrate that. July 5 would be my choice as the Hoard put Staffordshire on the world map."

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DRIVETIME

Hyundai is 'best carmarker'

Hyundai Motor UK has been awarded 'Best Carmaker of the Year' at the 2015 Motor Trader Awards. This is the third time in six years that the accolade has been bestowed to the Company – it previously won in 2010 and 2011.

The Carmaker of the Year award, sponsored by Allianz Global Assistance, was voted for by a panel of judges who were impressed by Hyundai's continued delivery of customer care and dealer satisfaction, alongside its ever-changing product line-up and the introduction of a revolutionary way of buying these new products through Rockar Hyundai.

Curtis Hutchinson, editor, Motor Trader said: "For the third time in six years, Hyundai Motor UK has won Motor Trader's Carmaker of the Year Award in recognition of its sales success, desirable new models, focus on customer care and its close and profitable relationships with its dealer network.

Hyundai's expanded model range covers all the key market sectors and is one of the freshest looking line-ups in UK showrooms and the brand's results speak for themselves. The Companyrecorded best-ever sales of just over 82,000 in 2014 up 25 per cent since 2010 and this year is looking set to better that."

Tony Whitehorn said: "Hyundai has undergone something of a transformation in recent years. But that's not enough – we want Hyundai to grow into something more in the hearts and minds of our customers. We can do this by continuing to offer more cars that people want to buy and by allowing them to buy them and care for them in a way that suits them. That's why it so important to have a strong and transparent relationship with our dealer network."

In the short-term, Hyundai Motor UK is targeting 100,000 sales in the UK, with a medium-term goal of 5 per cent market share.

In the long-term, the company aims to secure a Top 5 sales position among all car brands in the UK.

Hyundai is also in the process of revamping its UK dealer network with a new showroom identity – designed to offer visitors an experience that matches the quality of the brand's new models.

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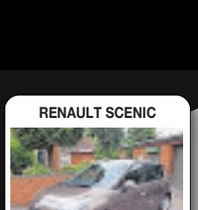

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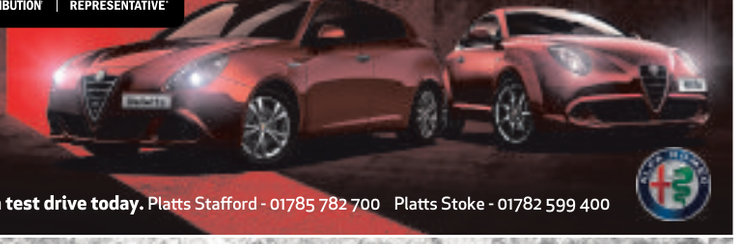

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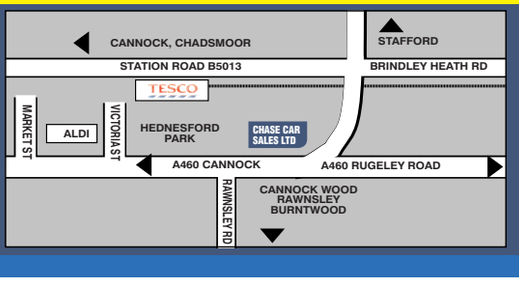

Ticking all boxes for a city car

By Bill McCarthy

RENAULT says the latest version of it city car evolved 'from a clean sheet of paper.'

The French firm adds that this 'takes into account all the joys and stresses of living and driving in the cities it was primarily designed for.'

Cut through the advertising jargon and you can see what the company is getting at, with the new model seeming to tick all the boxes required of a city car runabout.

As for the clean sheet of paper, it is certainly different, having its engine in the rear, driving the rear wheels. This in turn means that the front wheel, unencumbered with drive shafts are capable of turning to 45 degrees, giving a turning circle like a black cab.

That is clearly a huge advantage with tight city parking spaces and sliding into gaps.

Like many cars in this segment, it has funky design, both inside and out, which can be further customised to suit owner requirements, has clean efficient engines and is fun to drive. Another innovation is the French firm's R & GO smartphone connectivity system, which, thanks to the radio, a universal cradle and a free-to-download app, owners have access to a variety of navigation, telephone, multimedia and trip computer functions as well as internet radio and a host of other practical features.

There are four trim levels, Expression, Play, Dynamique and Dynamique S and two versions of the three cylinder one-litre petrol engine delivering different power outputs.

Nearly 70mpg is claimed on the 70bhp model with the 90bhp version tested here offering a bit more grunt, with a respectable 0-60mph acceleration time of 10.8 seconds.

Pretty decent performance while delivering a claimed, but optimistic, 65-odd mpg with stop/start technology. Carbon emissions are also under the magic 100g/km.

It does look eye-catching with the now familiar large Renault diamond logo dominating the narrow grille.

The boxy style is well-disguised by smart body kit, body coloured bumpers, concealed rear door handles, neat new headlights with round daytime running lights and striking alloy wheels on this tested model.

Inside, what appears to be a spartan interior is cleverly jazzed up with with funky paintwork and dark plastic to dash and doors, steering wheel and gear shift and various surrounds. Hardly sumptuous, but certainly practical.

The dash itself is minimalist with one large central dial. Other controls and switches are handily placed.

In practical terms there are numerous cabin storage areas, three cupholders and a boot light.

Space

To overcome fears over losing boot space with a rear-mounted power unit, Renault has positioned the engine at an angle of 49 degrees so that it does not intrude into the boot, and in a rear-end collision it is pushed beneath the passenger cell.

Boot space is always going to be meagre on this type of car and the Twingo capacity is 188 litres. This can be increased to 219 litres setting the rear seat-backs in a 'cargo' position at 90 degrees, while still safely carrying two passengers in the back.

With the standard on all models 50/50 split-folding rear seats lowered, the boot volume is increased to 980 litres.

Standard kit is good with the the Expression featuring, electric power steering, electric front windows, remote central locking, a speed limiter, a height-adjustable steering wheel, a trip computer and gearchange indicator, a lane-change function for the indicators and automatic activation of the rear screen wiper when reverse gear is selected.

The Play version adds a height-adjustable driver's seat and steering wheel and 15-inch black two-tone wheel trims.

Dynamique adds 15-inch alloy wheels, pinstripe shoulder-line decals, front foglamps, electric heated door mirrors, cruise control, a lane departure warning system, a leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshift knob, white instrument backlighting, while Dynamique S TCe 90 adds the previously optional Sport Pack. This features an aluminium pedal set, red/black part leather upholstery and the red interior touch pack.

The safety equipment includes stability control, hill start, emergency braking, tyre pressure monitors and four airbags.

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Renault Twingo Dynamique ENERGY TCe 90 Stop & Start

Price: £11,695
Mechanical: 90bhp, 898cc, 3cyl petrol engine driving rear wheels via 5-speed manual gearbox
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Princesses transported in econmical comfort to a magical land

By Matt Joy

In month two of driving the Lexus NX300h, Matt Joy puts it through its paces with a cross-channel trip to Disneyland Paris.

We live in a world dominated by speed. How fast your broadband is, how quickly your food arrives at your table and perhaps worst of all; how fast your car is. Even as someone who should technically be a responsible adult, I still get caught up in the big rush.

The Lexus NX300h is, by conventional measures, quick enough for modern driving with a top speed of 112mph and 0-62mph in 9.2 seconds, but in the last month, I've discovered one of its best qualities is how it makes me drive with calm restraint.

This is in part due to the cabin. You climb slightly up into the driver's seat, instantly giving you that commanding driving position which is why you would buy one in the first place. But the NX goes a step further, with a dashboard stacked so it sits up high with you, as well as a clever nod to the exterior in its shape.

Energy

Even the displays give you a gentle nudge in the right direction, if you wish. With the car in Sport mode there's a conventional rev counter illuminated in suitably racy red, but in Normal or Eco mode it instead indicates how efficiently you're driving. You can also bring up the energy flow meter between the dials or on the large screen, showing when the NX is running on petrol, electric or a combination. Competitive moron that I am, keeping it in EV mode for as long as possible becomes a game whilst remaining a good way of keeping emissions and consumption low.

Good consumption was on the priority list, however, for a family trek to Disneyland Paris. Normally I'd advocate a flight, but the NX had the right amount of room on board for two princesses (and me) and all the luggage that comes with that. There's also an argument that eight hours on motorways and autoroutes is still less stressful than 30 seconds in a UK airport in June.

And so it proved. Two four hour stints behind the wheel, even starting at 4.15am, were as easy as they could be on the driver thanks to the comfort on offer.

Better still, the radar-guided cruise control fitted to this luxury-spec model proved its worth yet again. Sure, you need to adapt your driving style slightly to keep things smooth, but do so and you're expending less effort than if you were taking full control yourself, and that pays off with less fatigue.

The excellent stereo system kept us entertained too, although I have yet to work out how to cancel the navigation announcements altogether; turning them down is fine, but the audio still pauses for an announcement that isn't there. My money is still on operator error, but if you will let Mickey Mouse behind the wheel...

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Lexus NX 300h Luxury, from £34,495

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Viva forever in childhood memories?

By Andy Enright

Vauxhall has revived an old favourite nameplate with the Viva, a citycar that's now the brand's entry level vehicle.

The Vauxhall Viva is a city runabout that relies on substance to make sales. Is this a risky strategy? Not really. When it comes to the smallest cars, the most practical models make the biggest numbers and this 1.0-litre five-door hatch looks to have all the right objective figures sewn up.

You're probably going to have defining memories of your childhood. One of mine is the vinyl rear seats of my father's Viva and how they would become hotter than the surface of Venus during summer road trips around Spain. No air con, a rattly old 1.3-litre engine and suspension that owed more to horse and cart tech, that old Viva never let us down. So, if you'll forgive a certain personal indulgence here, it's great to see Vauxhall revive the badge for a new generation.

Clearly things have come on a long way since the last Viva rolled off the production line in 1979, after a sixteen-year run. Chevettes and Astras were then the way forward, but there's now space at the foot of Vauxhall's range for the Viva to be reborn as a five-door citycar.

The Viva has been built around Vauxhall's latest 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine. It makes 75PS worth of power, probably about adequate for a citycar. More engines may be announced in time, but the powerplant requirements for a small city scoot like this are usually quite simple. Models of this sort don't cover enough miles for a diesel engine to be worth fitting and lighter is better if you want the sort of jinky manoeuvrability delivered by the best urban runabouts.

This ECOTEC 1.0-litre engine drives the front wheels via a five-speed manual gearbox and the suspension and steering has been optimised for comfort on the sort of pock-marked streets that typify most British cities. Like its bigger brother, the Adam, the Viva gets a 'City' mode that lightens steering even further to help take the effort out of parking.

The styling is neat and assured, with none of the overtly cutesy flourishes that make certain small cars very gender specific. The Viva could well appeal to lads as well as lasses, with its purposeful front end, signature Z-slash that runs through the door handles in the side swage line, plus some neat alloy wheel designs.

Theme

The interior looks well built and maturity is again a dominating theme. There's a signal lack of over-design, with a simple but classy two-dial instrument cluster, plenty of headroom, a chunky steering wheel and clearly legible minor controls. If you'd prefer something a bit more outre and personalised, then it's simple to step up to the brand's trendier ADAM model, though you'd need a bigger budget to do that. At 3,700mm long, the Viva is marginally longer than a Fiat 500 but has space for five inside (just!) due to a wheelbase that's fully 100mm longer than that of a Peugeot 108.

There's only only a single five-door bodystyle and a single 1.0-litre 75PS petrol engine on offer with drive via a manual gearbox. Prices start at around £8,000, ranging up to around £9,500 – competitive figures for the citycar segment. The VIVA range consists of two main spec levels: SE, and SL which is a trim name carried over from the original Vauxhall Viva. There are Air Con and ecoFLEX versions of the SE trim, giving a choice of four decently-specified models (SE, SE Air Con, SE ecoFLEX and SL). Both trims feature a tyre pressure monitoring system, city mode steering, lane departure warning, cruise control with speed limiter and front fog lights with cornering function. Safety items include ESP with traction control, cornering brake control, emergency brake assist, straight line stability control and hill start assist. All models also feature six airbags, AM/FM radio with aux-in and steering wheel controls, electric front windows, electric/heated mirrors and remote central door locking.

The green-minded VIVA SE ecoFLEX variant goes further, offering buyers a front lip spoiler, an extended rear spoiler with LED brake light and ultra-low rolling resistance tyres. At the top of the range, SL trim features electronic climate control, Morocanna seat trim, leather steering wheel and 15-inch alloy wheels. Other highlights include six speakers, USB audio connection, Bluetooth music streaming and mobile phone portal. Options available include a Winter Pack, rear parking sensors and an electric glass sliding sunroof.

The 1.0-litre engine makes some decent economy figures, with the ecoFLEX model, 65.7mpg on the combined fuel economy cycle. Even if you don't go for that version, you'll still see 62.8mpg. Around town, that figure drops to 52.3mpg in the ecoFEX and 50.4mpg in non-ecoFLEX branded cars. Emissions range between 99g/km and 104g/km, so choose carefully if you want to minimise your bills.

The Vauxhall Viva is relying on buyers to appreciate its common sense and its no nonsense approach to things. And it's hoping they'll value its maturity and quality over styling gimmicks and marketing stunts. Okay, so the Viva badge unashamedly plunders a bit of retro appeal, but Vauxhall needs this car to be noticed.

Ultimately though, the basics just have to be right for a model in this segment. Time will tell. The early signs look promising, Vauxhall having given this car every chance to succeed.

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508 HDi sheer joy to drive

By Graham Breeze

When I was a company car driver choosing which model best suited my 40,000 miles a year was always a problem. If only the Peugeot 508 had been on the scene then.

In a world where Ford's Mondeo and Volkswagen's Passat tend to have the advantage Peugeot bosses have clearly targeted fleet sales with the new 508 and a recent 600 miles round trip proved it's a model to figure prominently in any employee's choice.

Peugeot has bounced back in real style after a couple of sticky years in the sales charts and it's little wonder the 508 is helping the French company's profitability.

The 508 embodies the brand's target to move up-market and the GT Line Blue HDi 150 is a sheer joy to drive over long distances – as five hour treks to Scotland and back proved.

The test car benefited from an economical and very efficient Euro 6, two litre engine unit and the six-speed manual produces just 101g/km of CO2 emissions – that's as good as it gets in this segment. What that means is you won't pay any excise licence fees in the first year and just £20 thereafter, figures certain to send fleet managers racing to their newest Peugeot dealership.

With 0-62mph in 9.8 seconds and a top speed of 130mph this Peugeot matches most in sector and the French company claims 72.4mpg on the combined cycle, though it was nearer 65mpg on my round trip which is still impressive enough.

The 508 has a longer wheelbase than the 407 it has replaced, increasing in length to 4.8 metres and is easily recognised with the stylish new Peugeot grille and prominent lion emblem.

The GT Line gets new headlamps, daytime running lights, indicators and fog lamps which are all high technology 100% LED. There's the cornering lighting function that I am now lost without and even the rear lighting structure is a complete new design.

The 508 is completely different once you are in the cabin too with a 7" touchscreen, grouping together most of the vehicle's features in a particularly easy-to-find method.

And Peugeot win accolades from me with the arrival of an outstanding Head-Up display system showing driving and navigation information in colour on a retractable smoked screen – my personal favourite. Heating and ventilation controls are easy to operate are clearly marked and every other basic control is exactly where you would expect to find it.

It's as comfortable as it gets up front and I experienced very little fatigue at the end of a five hundred mile drive. Rear seat passengers get ample leg and headroom too and 550 litres of boot space meant plenty of room for cases, golf clubs and trolley.

Some might find the 508 a difficult car to park, it's a big unit and does take some time to get used to, but there's a good turning circle and plenty of help from a reversing camera and parking aids on the GT Line.

The 508 GT Line Blue HDi 150 is the perfect fleet option and is also a big family grand tourer, ticking a lot of the right boxes. At £26,795 expect this model to be a popular choice.

Skoda is once again proving to be Superb

By James Parker

The results are in from the European jury – the all-new Superb is officially forecast to have the strongest residual values in the mid-size sector.

Having examined the UK and six other key European markets, CAP, DAT, EurotaxGlass, and IBS Automotive are forecasting that the new, third-generation Superb will be the most resistant to depreciation over the course of three years and 60,000 miles.

The new Superb was compared against the Ford Mondeo, Hyundai i40, Vauxhall Insignia, Citroen C5, Toyota Avensis, Peugeot 508 and Mazda 5. The version of the model varied depending on the market, but the winner was always the same: the new Superb.

In the UK, CAP Gold Book is forecasting that the highly specified new Superb SE L Executive 2.0 TDI 150PS will be worth nearly £1,200 more than the outgoing model after three years and 60,000 miles.

When compared against the competition the Superb is also expected to perform strongly.

Thanks to a retained value that is forecast to be eight per cent higher than the outgoing model, the new Superb is expected to be worth up to £2,650 more after three years and 60,000 miles than its direct rivals.

Jeff Knight, forecasting editor for CAP said: "With the new Superb ŠKODA has added even more space, higher equipment levels and cutting edge technology to a high-quality interior. Enhanced safety features and more efficient powertrains, finished off with a dynamic and stylish exterior, make it a compelling choice in the upper-medium sector."

"These figures show the confidence that the industry places in the new Superb – and that comes from recognition that the Superb is the best ŠKODA ever.

"The new Superb offers new levels of comfort, space, practicality and style. It also offers all the characteristics ŠKODA customers have come to expect: great value, and high levels of safety – as recognised by a top five-star rating from Euro NCAP.

"All these attributes combine to make a car that will attract new customers to the brand," said Patrick McGillycuddy, Head of Fleet for ŠKODA UK.

Assessed

Included in the evaluation were criteria such as fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, value for money, quality and reliability.

Design and brand aspects were also assessed.

Combining expressive design, advanced new technologies and outstanding spaciousness, the third-generation ŠKODA Superb will be available to order later this month, with first deliveries starting in September.

Based on the Volkswagen Group's innovative MQB technology, the Superb sets new standards for safety, connectivity, and efficiency.

The ŠKODA Superb has been the flagship model of ŠKODA's range since 2001. To date, the brand has delivered over 700,000 first and second-generation ŠKODA Superbs to customers all over the world.

The latest Superb hatchback and Superb Estate are available to order now. With high levels of standard equipment, and low CO2 emissions (from just 95g/km when the GreenLine is launched) thanks to a highly efficient range of diesel and petrol engines, the latest model offers something for all customers.

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Bit of hot stuff from Kia with chilli taste

By Sharon Walters

Two sporty Chilli models have been added to the Kia Picanto range, which now features EU6-compliant engines. The Chilli variants are part of the Picanto Originals series, a rolling programme of high-specification, value-priced models changed at frequent intervals to offer buyers something out of the ordinary.

Both of the new Chilli models are three-door cars powered by a 1.2-litre four-cylinder petrol engine developing 84bhp and 120Nm (89lb ft) of torque.

They offer buyers the option of a five-speed manual gearbox or a four-speed automatic which will be particularly attractive to those who do most of their driving in congested towns and cities.

In line with all Picanto Originals, the Chilli models offer a high specification for a mid-range price, sitting above the SR7 grade in the line-up.

The manual costs £11,495 on the road, while the automatic is £12,095, both are on sale from July 1, 2015. They sit above the SR7 models in the Picanto line-up.

As the name implies, the Chilli variants are particularly sporty and spicy in appearance while retaining a proven powertrain that brings inexpensive, no-nonsense running costs.

Stylish

The already sharp looks of the three-door Picanto have been enhanced by stylish new front and rear bumpers and a twin exhaust tailpipe.

There are also additional side sill mouldings painted to match the body colour. The Chilli models are finished in red, black or white paintwork.

Sporty-looking five-barrel 15-inch alloy wheels shod with 175/50 tyres are the final finishing touch.

This is complemented by the equally sporty interior. The seats are in black faux leather with striking red and grey cloth cushions and backrests to match the inserts on the doors.

There are aluminium pedals with non-slip rubber pads, while the centre fascia, steering wheel bezel and gearshifter top are finished in classy Gloss Black.

The Chilli versions are the first Picantos to be fitted with satellite navigation including European mapping, similar to the system found in Kia's Rio and Venga ranges. This is linked to a seven-inch touchscreen and includes a reversing camera.

A six-speaker audio system is also standard.

The Picanto now features EU6-compliant powertrains in eight models, with the remainder due to be converted a little later in the year. The 1.0-litre, three-cylinder Picanto 1, SR7 and 2 variants – three- and five-door – now meet the latest emissions standard, as do the two 1.2-litre, four-cylinder Chilli models. The 1.0-litre Kappa EU6 engine develops 65bhp and 95Nm (70lb ft) of torque and has fuel economy of 62.8mpg with CO2 emissions of 105g/km. It is available only as a five-speed manual. The 1.2, also from the Kappa family, develops 84bhp and 120Nm (89lb ft) and has economy and emissions figures of 61.4mpg and 106g/km with the five-speed manual gearbox, or 50.4mpg and 130g/km with the four-speed automatic.

As with every Kia, the Picanto range comes with a unique-in-the-UK seven-year or 100,000-mile warranty, subject to certain wear and tear conditions. It is fully transferable should the car be sold before the time or mileage limits have been reached.

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BOWEN

Betty Heather

Sadly passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, aged 90 years.

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The Funeral Service will take place on Friday, July 31, 2015, at 12pm, at Stafford Crematorium.

Flowers are welcome.

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CHANT

Eileen

nee Baker

Passed away peacefully, July 15, 2015, aged 84 years. She will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to be held at The Kingdom Hall, Hednesford on Thursday, July 30, at 11.15am, followed by Cremation at Stafford Crematorium.

No dark clothing by request.

Family flowers only please, donations for The Donkey Sanctuary, c/o

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DE'ATH

Joyce

Wife

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you and He whispered come to Me.

From your beloved Husband Syd.

X

Mum

An Angel saw you suffering and whispered come to Me, She took your hand, stopped your pain and gently set you free.

Love, Daughter Pat.

X

EMERY

Marion

Of Heath Hayes.

Passed away on July 16, 2015, aged 94 years.

Marion will be sadly missed by all her loving Family.

Funeral Service will take place on Friday, July 31, 2015, at 10am, at St. John's Church, Heath Hayes, followed by Burial in the Churchyard.

Flowers are welcome.

Marion is now resting in a Private Chapel of Repose at HALLIWELL Funeral Service, 70, Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes, Cannock, Staffs. WS12 3EA. 01543 459200.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENT

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Please note that the deadline for our weekly Cannock Chronicle is 11.30am every Tuesday for the same weeks edition.

HILL

Roy

Passed away suddenly, July 13, 2015 aged 85.

He will be very sadly missed by all his loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to take place 12.30pm on Friday, July 31, 2015, at Stafford Crematorium.

By request Family flowers only donations if desired will be forwarded onto The Air Ambulance c/o

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MEARS

Sheila

Of Hednesford.

Passed away peacefully on July 13, 2015, aged 85 years.

The devoted Wife of Bert and beloved Mom of Sharon and Tricia, also a dear Nan, Great-Nan, Sister, Aunty, Mother-in-law, Sister-in-law and Friend.

Requiem Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church, Hednesford, on Thursday, July 23, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

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Eunice Doreen

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Funeral Service to take place at Stafford Crematorium on Thursday, July 30, at 3pm.

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O'DONAGHE

Eamon

The Boss.

Sadly passed away, after such a long torment.

But we know you will now be at peace with your dear Wife Olive.

You will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

Keith, Rose, Jack and Danny.

X X X X

Rest in Peace, all our love to you both.

X

ROGERS

Formerly Ward

Edna

Of Anglesey Street, Hednesford. Passed away peacefully on July 16, 2015, aged 86 years. Reunited with Husband Ken Ward. Sadly missed by all Family and Friends.

Funeral Service, 2.30pm, Wednesday, July 29, at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, donations for Ward 10a, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, c/o

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SAUNDERS

James

Of Chadsmoor, Cannock.

A much loved Husband to Di and adored Father. He will be deeply missed.

His Funeral Service will take place at 10.30am, Tuesday, July 28, at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only but donations would be appreciated for the Air Ambulance c/o

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STACKHOUSE

Audrey

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 18, 2015, aged 86 years.

Much loved and missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Monday, August 3, 2015, at 2.30pm, at Streetly Crematorium.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Birmingham Children's Hospital or Marquis Court Nursing Home.

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WARD

Brian

Of Great Wyrley.

Passed away on July 9, 2015, aged 76 years.

Beloved Husband of Jean, loving Dad to Jason and Angie, fantastic Grandad to Frazer and Mason.

Brian will be sadly missed by all.

The Funeral Service will take place on Friday, July 24, 2015, at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley, at 10.30am, followed by Interment at Strawberry Lane Cemetery.

Family flowers only please.

Donations if desired will be gratefully accepted by the Family for Cancer Research UK

All inquiries to HALLIWELL Funeral Services, 164 Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, WS6 6NQ, 01922 419090.

in memoriam

MIDDLETON

Ann

My Special Lady.

One has passed since you said good bye.

I keep you in my heart with loving memories always.

I love and miss you, as you were so special.

Love forever

Barry.

SHAKESPEARE

Louisa

(Lulu)

July 25, 1982

Silently remembered this day and always, with love, respect and gratitude.

Son Geoffrey

WHITEHOUSE

Frank

Husband

27.07.2014

It is the first anniversary and it has been very lonely without you.

Then I think of the memories and the love we have shared to make life more bearable.

R.I.P. Frank until we meet again.

Wife Edith.

X X X

DAD

A year has gone by and missing you everyday. You will always be in our hearts and never forgotten.

Love you always

Carol, Glenys, Debbie and Families.

X X X

WHITEHOUSE

Frank

1 year July 27, 2015.

Ar dow arf miss yow Mate.

Tom

WILKES

William 22.07.84

Mabel 24.07.99

Mom and Dad

We are getting older, but the memories remain.

You are in our thoughts forever.

Until we meet again.

Love Bill and Sue.

WILLIAMS

Robert

(Bob)

Two years now Robert and no words can say how we feel.

We miss you so much.

Your loving Wife Margaret and Family.

birthday remembrances

JONES

Glyn

Son

24.07. 15

With an ache in our hearts we whisper low.

Happy Birthday Glyn, we love and miss you so.

God bless sweetheart.

Mom and Lesley.

MILLINGTON

Stephen

Forty-five, July 28.

How we wish that we could say, we'll go and see our Son today, to hear his voice and see him smile, just to sit and talk a while.

There's always something missing, no matter what we do, a constant sadness in our hearts, what's missing Steve i s you.

All our love, Mom and Dad.

acknowledgements

BLADON
Maria
(nee Farr).

Dave and Family would like to thank everyone for the messages, cards, donations and the Masses which were held, after the sad loss of Maria.

COOKE
Lynne

Les and Families wish to thank Chadsmoor Methodist Church for all their help at this sad time.

Rev Edward Sakwe for a very special Service, Betty Glover, Bob and Jane Ryder, and all the ladies who worked so hard to make this such a special day.

The Choirs Cannock Ex-Service Men's Male Voice, the Chase Choral Organist, Tony Cartwright.

Finally, all our friends, that came along on the day.

We wish to thank you for all the donations given to the Church and Cancer Research.

God bless you All.

DE'ATH
Joyce

Syd, Pat and John would like to to express their sincere thanks to everyone who attended Joyces Funeral, also for flowers, card and kind messages received.

LLEWELLYN
Susan Mary

Husband Robert and Susan's Parents wish to thank Relatives and Friends for floral tributes and cards.

Olive and Linda and a big thank you to Uncle Jim and Pauline for the many journeys to The Q.E. Hospital

Minister Joyce Stevenson for a lovely Service and support to Susan.

Also, Stacey's Funeral Arrangements.

God bless you All.

SMALLMAN
Wanda Ivy
(Nee Hill)

14.07.1930 - 25.06.2015

We would like to thank Relatives, Friends and Neighbours for their cards and donations.

We appreciate all help and support given to us during Mom's illness.

She was a generous kind Lady who will be sadly missed.

TAYLOR
Betty
(Nee Back)

We would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, sympathy, cards and donations.

Rev. Alex Mann for the Service, Sellmans Funeral Services, S. County Hospital.

Donations for Air Ambulance £402.

God bless you all.

Ann, Carol, Tina and Daisy.

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David
On the 25th July

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Love always, Tracy.

XXXXX

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congratulations

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Simon

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Love and Best Wishes the Family.
XXX

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Lee and Jordan

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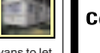

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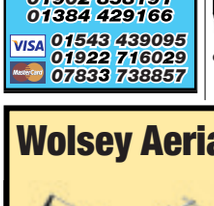

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THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PROPOSALS

Cannock Chase Council

Application Affecting A Listed Building
19, Lower Brook Street, Rugeley, WS152BZ

CH/15/0285 - Listed building consent for proposed demolition of existing out-building, installation of timber gates across existing vehicular access and reduction of height to two existing boundary walls to their original height

All applications may be inspected at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock.

Applications relating to Rugeley and Brereton may also be inspected at the Rugeley Area Housing Office, Anson Street, Rugeley

The Council has published a Service Charter for publicity and information about planning applications and a Code of Conduct for the Planning Process both of which are obtainable from Council Offices free of charge.

If you wish to make comments or representations about any of the above proposals you should do so in writing to the Planning Services Manager, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, WS11 1BG or by emailing to developmentcontrol@cannockchasedc.gov.uk by 13/08/2015 Please include a daytime telephone number in your reply and quote the appropriate reference when calling or writing.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2015-16

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL
ADDITIONAL PROVISION 2 (JULY 2015)
AND NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended that the Select Committee of the House of Commons which is considering this Bill should consider certain amendments to the Bill for the following amongst other purposes:–

1. Amendments to authorise revised proposals for the construction of works and acquisition of lands:

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea,
- Land required for the provision of access

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham,
- Land required for a relocated sewer (Work No. 1/38)

London Boroughs of Hammersmith & Fulham and Ealing,
- An access tunnel (Work No. 1/39A)
- A railway, partly on viaduct, being a realignment of the Great Western Mainline (Work No. 1/37A)
- A railway, forming a turnback, off the Great Western Mainline (Work No. 1/37B)

London Borough of Ealing,
- A repositioned access road (Work No. 1/42)
- Land required for the proposed Greenpark Way ventilation and intervention shaft
- Land required for the provision of access
- Land required for repositioned temporary conveyor (Work No. 1/46)
- Land required for the construction of an access tunnel (Work No. 1/39A)
- A temporary bridge over the Grand Union Canal (Work No. 1/48A)

London Borough of Brent,
- Land required for the provision of access

County of Buckinghamshire, District of South Bucks, Parish of Iver,
- Access roads (Works Nos. 4/1 and 4/2)
- Land required for worksites

County of Buckinghamshire, District of South Bucks, Parish of Iver and Borough of Slough,
- A railway being a diversion of the Great Western Mainline (Work No. 4/3)
- A railway siding (Work No. 4/4)

Borough of Slough,
- A railway forming a connection from the proposed relocated Heathrow Express Depot to the Great Western Mainline (Work No. 4/5)
- An access road (Work No. 4/6)
- A road (Work No. 4/7)
- Diversions of watercourses (Works Nos. 4/8 and 4/9)
- Land required for worksites and railway systems

London Borough of Hillingdon,
- Land required for the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines

London Borough of Hillingdon and County of Buckinghamshire, District of South Bucks, Parish of Denham,
- A temporary bridge over the River Colne (Work No. 2/4B) and land required for access

County of Buckinghamshire, District of Chiltern, Parish of Little Missenden,
- Land required for the construction of a railway (Work No. 2/13)
- Land required for the provision of access

Parish of Great Missenden,
- Land required for worksite and access

Parish of The Lee,
- Land required for the provision of access

District of Aylesbury Vale, Parish of Wendover,
- Land required for a worksite and access
- Land required for the reinstatement of facilities

Parish of Stoke Mandeville,
- Land required for the diversion of utilities
- Land required for environmental mitigation and provision of a new public right of way

District of Wycombe, Parish of Ellesborough,
- Land required for environmental mitigation and provision of a new public right of way

District of Aylesbury Vale, Parish of Quainton,
- Land required for the construction of a bridge (Work No. 2/69)
- Land required for the provision of access
- Land required for environmental mitigation
- Land required for the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines and utilities
- An access road (Work No. 2/71B)
- Land required for the provision of drainage and balancing pond

Parishes of Quainton and Grendon Underwood,
- An access road (Work No. 2/72A)

Parishes of Grendon Underwood and Calvert Green,
- Land required for the provision of a new public right of way

Parish of Steeple Claydon,
- Land required for the provision of access

Parish of Twyford,
- An access road (Work No. 2/94A) and land required for the construction of access roads (Works Nos. 2/94 and 2/94A)

Parish of Preston Bissett,
- Land required for environmental mitigation

Parish of Chetwode,
- An access road (Work No. 2/69C)

Parishes of Chetwode and Barton Hartshorn,
- A temporary road (Work No. 2/100A)

Parish of Barton Hartshorn,
- Land required for the provision of access

County of Oxfordshire, District of Cherwell, Parish of Godington,
- Land required for environmental mitigation
- An access road (Work No. 2/69D)

Parish of Mixbury,
- An access road (Work No. 2/106A)
- A temporary road (Work No. 2/106B)
- Land required for environmental mitigation and the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines

County of Buckinghamshire, District of Aylesbury Vale, Parish of Turweston,
- Land required for the reinstatement of facilities and access

County of Northamptonshire, District of South Northamptonshire,

Parish of Whitfield,
- Land required for provision of a new public right of way

Parish of Radstone,
- A bridge (Work No. 2/114A)
- Land required for the provision of drainage and new public right of way

Parish of Greatworth,
- Land required for the provision of access and temporary public right of way
- Access roads (Works Nos. 2/121A and 2/121B)

Parish of Thorpe Mandeville,
- Land required for the construction of a road (Work No. 2/123)
- Land required for provision of a turning head and access

Parish of Marston St Lawrence,
- Land required for the construction of a road (Work No. 2/123)

Parish of Chipping Warden and Edgcote,
- Land required for the provision of a balancing pond and access
- Roads (Works Nos. 2/128D, 2/128F, 2/128G, 2/128H) and an access road (Work No. 2/128E)
- Land required for worksite, environmental mitigation, new public right of way and turning head

Parish of Aston Le Walls,
- Land required for worksite, environmental mitigation, access and drainage

Parish of Boddington,
- Roads (Works Nos. 2/132C and 2/132D)
- Land required for worksite and environmental mitigation

County of Northamptonshire, District of South Northamptonshire, Parish of Boddington and County of Warwickshire, District of Stratford-on-Avon, Parish of Wormleighton,
- A road (Work No. 2/132)
- A temporary road (Work No. 2/132E)

County of Warwickshire, District of Stratford-on-Avon, Parishes of Wormleighton and Stoneton,
- A road (Work No. 2/132B)

Parish of Wormleighton,
- Land required for worksite and environmental mitigation

Parish of Radbourne,
- Land required for the construction of an access road (Work No. 2/138)

District of Warwick, Parish of Offchurch,
- A cycle track (Work No. 2/154B)
- Land required for minor highway alterations and drainage

Parish of Kenilworth,
- Land required for worksite and environmental mitigation

Parish of Stoneleigh,
- Land required for worksite

Parish of Burton Green,
- An access road (Work No. 2/179A)
- A repositioned fuel pipeline (Work No. 2/180)
- A watercourse (Work No. 2/181A)
- Land required for worksite and minor highway alterations

County of Warwickshire, District of Warwick, Parish of Burton Green and Metropolitan Borough of Solihull, Parish of Berkswell,
- A repositioned cycle track (Work No. 2/182)

Metropolitan Borough of Solihull, Parish of Berkswell,
- A repositioned footbridge (Work No. 2/184)
- Land required for worksite, environmental mitigation, provision of public right of way and minor highway alterations

Parish of Balsall,
- Land required for minor highway alterations

Parish of Hampton-in-Arden,
- Commencement of viaduct relocated (Work No. 3/1)
- A repositioned access road (Work No. 3/15B)
- A road (Work No. 3/15C)
- A bridge (Work No. 3/15D)
- Land required for flood mitigation, worksite and drainage

Parish of Bickenhill,
- Land required for provision of access

Parish of Chelmsley Wood,
- Land required for minor highway alterations

County of Warwickshire, District of North Warwickshire, Parish of Coleshill,
- An access road (Work No. 3/27B)
- An extended road (Work No. 3/28)
- A realigned and extended road (Work No. 3/28A)
- Land required for balancing pond, provision of access and environmental mitigation

Parish of Curdworth,
- Land required for the construction of a road (Work No. 3/41)
- Land required for the construction of an access road (Work No. 3/43)
- Land required for environmental mitigation, diversion and installation of utilities and provision of access

Parish of Lea Marston,
- Land required for environmental mitigation, balancing pond and provision of new public right of way
- Land required for the construction of a fuel pipeline (Work No. 3/45A)
- An access road (Work No. 3/47B)

Parishes of Wishaw and Moxhull and Middleton,
- An extended access road (Work No. 3/45B)

Parish of Middleton,
- Land required for balancing pond, environmental mitigation, provision of access and new public right of way, worksite, drainage and the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines and utilities
- Land required for the construction of a road (Work No. 3/52)
- Land required for the diversion of a gas main (Work No. 3/53)
- Land required for the construction of a watercourse (Work No. 3/55)

Parish of Kingsbury,
- Land required for environmental mitigation

County of Warwickshire, District of North Warwickshire, Parish of Middleton and County of Staffordshire, District of Lichfield, Parishes of Drayton Bassett, Hints with Canwell, Weeford, Swinfen and Packington, Whittington and Fradley and Streethay,
- A railway, being a realignment of a proposed railway (Work No. 3/48A)

County of Staffordshire, District of Lichfield, Parish of Drayton Bassett,
- Land required for environmental mitigation, balancing pond, diversion and installation of utilities and provision of access

Parish of Hints with Canwell,
- Land required for provision of access, environmental mitigation, worksite and drainage
- A realigned gas main diversion (Work No. 3/67)
- A road (Work No. 3/68A)

Parish of Weeford,
- Land required for drainage

Parish of Swinfen and Packington,
- Land required for provision of access and drainage

Parishes of Swinfen and Packington and Whittington,
- A realigned access road (Work No. 3/79)

Parish of Whittington,
- Land required for the construction of roads (Works Nos. 3/80 and 3/80A)
- Land required for environmental mitigation, balancing pond, flood mitigation and diversion and installation of utilities
- An access road (Work No. 3/86A)
- A watercourse (Work No. 3/86C)

Parishes of Whittington and Fradley and Streethay,
- A temporary bridge (Work No. 3/86D)
- A road (Work No. 3/86B)

Parish of Fradley and Streethay,
- Access roads (Works Nos. 3/86E, 3/89C, 3/91B, 3/96A and 3/96B)
- Roads (Works Nos. 3/87B, 3/89A, 3/89D and 3/97A)
- Temporary roads (Works Nos. 3/87C and 3/89E)
- A footbridge (Work No. 3/88)
- Watercourses (Works Nos. 3/90A and 3/91C)
- A cycle track (Work No. 3/97B)
- A temporary bridge (Work No. 3/98A)
- Land required for worksite, environmental mitigation, drainage, diversion and installation of utilities, railwaysystems and provision of access and new public right of way

Parishes of Fradley and Streethay, King's Bromley and Armitage with Handsacre,
- A railway, being a realignment of a proposed railway in the vicinity of the A38 and Trent and Mersey Canal (Work No. 3/93A)

Parishes of Fradley and Streethay and King's Bromley,
- A railway, being a realignment of a proposed railway in the vicinity of the A38 and Trent and Mersey Canal (Work No. 3/94A)
- A road (Work No. 3/95B)

Parish of King's Bromley,
- Roads (Works Nos. 3/96D and 3/102)
- Access roads (Work No. 3/96C and 3/101)
- A gas main (Work No. 3/100B)
- A relocated road (Work No. 3/103)
- Land required for environmental mitigation, worksite, drainage, diversion and installation of overhead electric lines and utilities

Parish of Armitage with Handsacre,
- Land required for provision of access

District of Stafford, Parish of Colwich,
- Land required for worksite, railway systems and provision of access

City of Birmingham,
- Access roads (Works Nos. 3/159C and 3/159D)
- Land required for provision of access, reinstatement of facilities and worksite.

2. Amendment of clause 63 of the Bill to refer to the additional Environmental Information published in connection with the Bill in September 2014 and to the additional Environmental Information referred to in this notice below.
3. In connection with the construction of the works specified in 1 above, provision for the stopping up or diversion of the public footpaths and bridleways specified in Schedule 1 to this notice.
4. In connection with the construction of the works specified in 1 above, provision for the alteration or disturbance of the surface of the roads or streets specified in Schedule 2 to this notice.
5. The lands which may be acquired or used include the common land, park and open space set out in Schedule 3 to this notice and the canal tow paths and related land set out in Schedule 4 to this notice.

As from 17 July 2015, Plans and Sections, with a Book of Reference to those Plans, relating to the proposed Amendments will be available for public inspection at the offices and libraries referred to in Parts I and II of Schedule 5 to this Notice.

As from 17 July 2015, an Environmental Statement relating to the Amendments (ES) and Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES) together with a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) will also available for public inspection at each of the offices and libraries mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule 5 to this notice and for inspection at the following offices: High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.gov.uk/hs2 and Eversheds LLP, 3-5 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7PE.

As from 17 July 2015, copies of the proposed Amendments together with copies of the Bill will be available for public inspection at each of the offices and libraries mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule 5 to this notice and for inspection at the following office: High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.gov.uk/hs2.

As from 17 July 2015, copies of the ES, SES and NTS and copies of the proposed Amendments together with copies of the Bill will also be available for sale from High Speed Two (HS2) Limited, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.gov.uk/hs2.

The proposed Amendments and the Bill are available on the UK Parliament's website at www.parliament.uk. The Plans and Sections, ES, SES and NTS are available on the Department for Transport's website at www.gov.uk/transport and via HS2 Ltd's website at www.gov.uk/hs2.

Any person who wishes to make comments on the ES and SES should send them either by post to: FREEPOST HS2 AP2 CONSULTATION, or by email to: HS2PhaseOneAPjuly2015@dialoguebydesign.co.uk on or before 28 August 2015.

Please note: if you wish to send your response by recorded delivery or special delivery, please telephone the HS2 Ltd Community Relations Helpdesk on 0207 944 4908 to arrange this.

Anyone wishing to send comments should note that responses will be published on a publicly-accessible website in due course, but the names, addresses and signatures of individuals will not be published. As it is not possible for the substance of responses to be checked to ascertain whether they contain other personal data, you should not include information in your response that could identify you unless you are content for it to be made public.

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If you want the information you provide to be treated as confidential, you should be aware that all information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to disclosure in accordance with access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004). Under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with confidentiality obligations. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain in your response why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If a request for disclosure of the information you provide is received full account will be taken of your explanation, but no assurance can be given that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department for Transport or HS2 Ltd.

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Submitting comments to the Secretary of State does not affect the entitlement of persons to make objections to the proposed Amendments by depositing a petition in the House of Commons referred to below.

The Bill has been introduced in the House of Commons as a public Bill. In the House of Commons, by the terms of the Order made by that House, objection to the proposed Amendments may be made by depositing a Petition against them in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons not later than the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the day on which the first newspaper notice of the Amendments is published. Any such Petititon must therefore be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons not later than 2pm on Friday 14 August 2015.

In the House of Lords, objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and the latest date for depositing such a petition against the Bill may be subject to an Order made by that House or, if no Order is made, will be the tenth day after that on which the Bill receives its First reading in that House. In the latter case, if this date is a Sunday, Christmas Day or Bank Holiday, or a day on which the House does not sit, the final date for depositing may be postponed.

Information about the deposit of such Petitions may be obtained from either the Private Bill Office, House of Commons or the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, or from the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

DATED 15 July 2015

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR.

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SCHEDULE 1

Area	Footpath, bridleway or cycleway to be stopped up or diverted	Permanent/temporary
London Borough of Ealing	Grand Union Canal Towing path	Temporary
County of Buckinghamshire		
District of South Bucks, Parish of Iver	Footpath IVE/15A/1	Permanent
County of Hertfordshire	Bridleway Ricks 004	Temporary
District of Three Rivers		
County of Buckinghamshire		
District of Chiltern, Parish of Little Missenden	Footpath LMI/21/1	Permanent with substitution
Parish of Great Missenden	Footpath GMI/23/7	Permanent with substitution
District of Wycombe, Parish of Ellesborough	Footpath ELL/2/1	Permanent with substitution
District of Aylesbury Vale, Parish of Stoke Mandeville	Footpath SMA/17/3 Footpath SMA/18/1	Permanent with substitution Temporary
Parish of Quainton	Bridleway QUA/28A/1 Bridleway QUA/28A/2 Footpath QUA/35/2 Footpath QUA/35A/1 Bridleway QUA/37/1	Permanent with substitution Temporary Permanent with substitution Temporary Temporary
Parish of Grendon Underwood	Footpath GUN/23/1 Footpath GUN/24/1 Bridleway GUN/25/1 Bridleway GUN/25/2 Bridleway GUN/31/1	Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent Permanent Temporary
Parish of Calvert Green	Bridleway CAG/3/1 Bridleway SCL/18/1 Bridleway SCL/18/2 Footpath CAG/4/3 Footpath CAG/5/1 Footpath CAG/1/1	Permanent Permanent Permanent Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Temporary
Parish of Twyford	Footpath TWY/18/2	Permanent with substitution
Parish of Preston Bissett	Byway PBI/5A/2 Footpath PBI/9/3	Permanent with substitution Temporary
Parish of Chetwode	Bridleway CHW/24/1 and Bridleway CHW/24/2 Footpath CHW/25/1	Permanent with substitution Temporary
Parish of Barton Hartshorn	Footpath BHA/4/2	Temporary
County of Oxfordshire		
District of Cherwell, Parish of Godington	Bridleway 225/4/10 and Bridleway 225/4	Permanent with substitution
Parish of Mixbury	Footpath 303/7	Permanent with substitution
County of Northamptonshire		
District of South Northamptonshire, Parish of Whitfield	Footpath BD8	Permanent with substitution
Parish of Radstone	Footpath AX7 Bridleway AX14 Footpath AX15	Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution
Parish of Chipping Warden and Edgcote	Footpath AE5 Footpath AE16 Footpath AE17 Footpath AE18 Footpath AE19	Permanent with substitution Temporary Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Temporary
Parish of Aston Le Walls	Footpath AA7	Temporary
County of Warwickshire		
District of Stratford-on-Avon, Parish of Ladbroke	Footpath SM89	Temporary
Parishes of Ladbroke and Southam	Footpath SM33	Permanent with substitution
District of Warwick, Parish of Offchurch	Footpath W192	Permanent with substitution
Parish of Kenilworth	Footpath K29	Permanent with substitution
District of Warwick, Parish of Burton Green	Footpath W168 Footpath W168a Footpath W167 Footpath W169	Temporary Permanent Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution
District of North Warwickshire, Parish of Coleshill	Footpath M57 Footpath M58 Footpath M54 Footpath M72 Footpath M77	Temporary Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution
Parish of Curdworth	Byway T179	Permanent
Parish of Kingsbury	Bridleway T18	Permanent
Parish of Lea Marston	Footpath M22 Footpath M23 Bridleway M23a	Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution
Parish of Middleton	Footpath T5 Footpath T17 Footpath T3	Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Temporary
Parishes of Middleton and Wishaw and Moxhull	Byway T179	Temporary
County of Staffordshire		
District of Lichfield, Parish of Hints with Canwell	Footpath Hints 11 Footpath Hints 13 Footpath Hints 14 Bridleway Hints 12	Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution
Parish of Whittington	Bridleway Whittington 20	Permanent
Parishes of Fradley and Streethay and Whittington	Bridleway Streethay 8	Permanent with substitution
Parish of Fradley and Streethay	Bridleway Fradley and Streethay 2 Footpath Streethay 6 Footpath Streethay 7 and Alrewas 31	Temporary Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution
Parishes of Fradley and Streethay and King's Bromley	Footpath Alrewas 44 Footpath Alrewas 45	Permanent with substitution Temporary
Parish of King's Bromley	Footpath King's Bromley 0.392 Footpath King's Bromley 17	Permanent with substitution Temporary
Metropolitan Borough of Solihull		
Parish of Berkswell	Footpath M186 Footpath M187 Footpath M196 Footpath M198 Footpath M215	Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution Permanent with substitution
Parish of Hampton-in-Arden	Footpath M114 Footpath M115	Permanent with substitution Temporary

SCHEDULE 2

Area	Street or road subject to alteration or disturbance
London Borough of Ealing	Scrubs Lane
County of Northamptonshire, District of South Northamptonshire, Parish of Greatworth	Helmdon Road
Parish of Chipping Warden & Edgcote	A361 Byfield Road, Appletree Road, A361 Banbury Road

SCHEDULE 3

Common Land

County of Staffordshire, District of Lichfield, Parish of Fradley and Streethay – Woodland, Broad Lane (4375m²); Woodland, Potters Thatch (516m²).

Public Parks or Public Open Space

London Borough of Hillingdon – Denham Country Park (5826m²).

County of Buckinghamshire, District of Chiltern, Parish of Little Missenden – Mantle's Wood (6705 m²).

County of Warwickshire, District of Warwick, Parish of Offchurch – The Offchurch Greenway woodland (1018m²); Disused Leamington to Rugby Railway line, The Lias cycle path and The Offchurch Greenway woodland (4930 m²), Disused Leamington to Rugby Railway line and The Offchurch Greenway woodland (6061m²).

Metropolitan Borough of Solihull, Parish of Chelmsley Wood – Public footways, open space and verges (Coleshill Heath Road and Yorkminster Drive) (238 m²).

SCHEDULE 4

Canal Towpaths

London Borough of Ealing – Towpath (Grand Union Canal, Paddington Branch) (1780m²).

County of Buckinghamshire, District of South Bucks, Parishof Iver – Towpath (Grand Union Canal, Slough Arm) (263 m²).

County of Staffordshire, District of Lichfield, Parish of Fradley and Streethay – Canal and towpath (Trent and Mersey Canal) (3516 m²); Canal and towpath (Wyrley and Essington Canal) (1660 m²).

SCHEDULE 5

PART I

Officers with whom the Plans and Sections, Book of Reference, Environmental Statement relating to the Amendments, supplementary Environmental statement and Non-Technical Summary and proposed Amendments together with a copy of the Bill have been deposited for inspection.

In Greater London -
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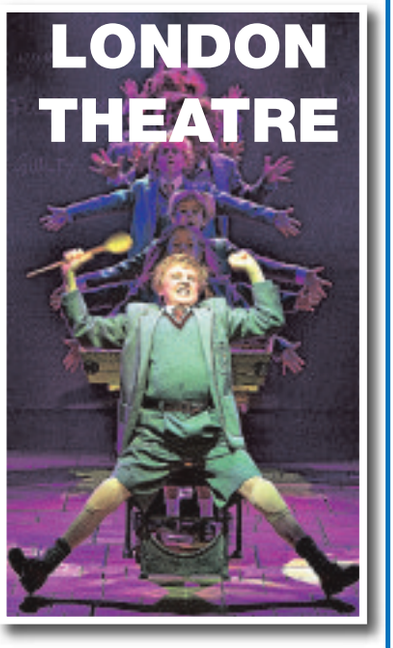

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There could be no way back for unfit Razak

RAZAK BOUKARI will not be part of Kenny Jackett's Wolves plans – until the winger can prove his fitness.

The £2.5m signing has only featured four times in the league during three years at the club and has just 12 months left on his current deal.

He has been injury-free since March but returned for pre-season training unable to sprint at full speed.

Jackett last week revealed his disappointment with Boukari, saying his lack of fitness was 'very poor'.

And he is discounting the Togo international until that situation changes.

"If somebody's injured or not quite there then it's hard to plan with them," Jackett said.

"He's done some football sessions, but again in those sessions he didn't feel 100 per cent.

"Until he does present himself 100 per cent fit and says he's ready then it can't be something that I'm considering."

Wolves faced Burton Albion on Saturday in their first domestic pre-season fixture of the campaign.

But Boukari didn't feature in that game and will be assessed again this week.

"If I'm planning for this week, working around the games, the team on Saturday going forward towards Blackburn.

"You're formulating those things and then injured players do go on the back-burner for you.

"You speak to your physio but it's really on to somebody else and that's where it's been with Razak.

"I want some competition."

Coady enjoying life with new club

RECENT signing Conor Coady got his first 90 minutes of pre-season under his belt and declared – 'I'm loving life at Wolves'.

The 22-year-old joined the club from Huddersfield earlier this month and has settled straight in at Molineux, featuring in all three of Wolves' friendlies so far.

Coady is likely to be a key player for Wolves this season after starring for Huddersfield in the Championship last year.

And he said he was glad to play his first full game of the pre-season campaign in Wolves' 1-0 win over Burton.

"It's always needed to get that first 90 minutes under your belt and we can move on to next week now," Coady said. "I loved the game, it was great to get back out in front of a proper crowd and there were a lot of Wolves supporters there which was good for us.

"We've been speaking about the winning mentality all week, to take into the start of the season.

"It was a step up from France, Burton gave us a tough game and tried to stop us playing and that stifled us a bit.

"We needed to play in behind a bit more but that's what pre-season is for – we'll learn from that."

Coady had praise for Benik Afobe, who starred in the 1-0 win in a different role at the head of the midfield. "Benik's the type of player, if you get him on the ball he'll make things happen," Coady said. "Everyone saw how good he was last season and I think he's raring to go again.

"It's about us as a team, passing and getting on the ball and trying to get him in spaces where he can hurt teams."

Head coach Kenny Jackett again experimented with a different formation, playing 4-4-1-1, and Coady said he was happy to fit in to whatever the boss chose to play, as well as expressing his delight at the start to his Wolves career.

"I'm loving it here," he said. "It's a top, top club full of top people. "

Scholars head away for first game of the season

THE line up Chasetown face for the new season sees their first game as away to Leek with the Scholars first home game against Kidsgrove Athletic on August 18. They finish the regular season also away against Lincoln United.

The full fixture list is:

August

15 Leek Town A; 18 Kidsgrove Athletic H; 22 Sheffield FC H; 25 Daventry Town A; 31 Romulus A

September

5 Basford United H; 8 Market Drayton Town H; 19 Belper Town A; 22 Gresley FC A; 26 Loughborough Dyn H; 29 Coalville Town A

October

10 Stocksbridge Park Steels H; 13 Goole AFC H; 17 Carlton Town A; 24 Spalding United H; 31 Tividale A

November

7 Rugby Town A; 14 Lincoln United H; 21 Newcastle Town H; 28 Shaw Lane Aquaforce A

December

5 Belper Town H; 12 Basford United A; 19 Gresley FC H; 26 Stafford Rangers A; 28 Romulus H

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2 Loughborough Dyn A; 9 Leek Town H; 16 Kidsgrove Athletic A; 23 Daventry Town H; 30 Sheffield FC A

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Wolves edge match behind closed doors

Walsall 2 Wolves 3

WOLVES and Walsall sharpened their skills against each other in a behind-closed-doors friendly.

The fixture, at the Saddlers' training ground in Essington, saw Wolves run out narrow 3-2 winners in a match split into three 30-minute spells.

Kenny Jackett's side took a 2-0 lead thanks to two strikes from Dutchman Rajiv van La Parra.

But Walsall hit back with Jordan Cook scoring a spectacular strike from the halfway line immediately after the second 30-minute period got under way.

The Saddlers then got back on level terms when midfielder Reece Flanagan won the ball in midfield before cutting inside and firing into the net.

The visitors line-up featured first-team stars alongside van La Parra with Matt Doherty, James Henry, Ethan Ebanks-Landell and Jack Price all involved.

Bolster

The Saddlers, who played Nike Academy in a similar friendly last week, included a number of trialists in their squad, as they look to bolster their ranks in time for the season kick-off on August 8.

Walsall manager Dean Smith said: "We were able to try out three different formations, have a look at a few trialists and also try out players in various positions.

"It was a terrific work-out for us and I am thankful to Wolves for providing the opposition. It was a competitive game with some good football from both teams.

"Jordan Cook scored a wonder goal right from kick-off. He spotted the keeper was off his line and the ball just sailed in – you don't see one of those very often.

"Reece Flanagan also scored a really good goal.

"It was a really good work-out for both teams and I know Kenny Jackett appreciated it.

"I'm pleased with where we're at fitness-wise and the two training games we've had over the past couple of weeks have certainly benefitted us.

"We're not far off where I want us to be. The Wolves game gave us plenty of positives."

Meanwhile, new recruit Jason Demetriou says he enjoying life with the Saddlers.

Cutler aims to net future stars

From left Coaches Scott Fry and Neil Cutler with some of the youngsters in the academy

AFTER enjoying spells with the likes of Stoke, Swansea and Rotherham, it's safe to say Neil Cutler knows a thing or two about goalkeeping.

Now a key member of Walsall's backroom staff, the 38-year-old is widely regarded as one of the best goalkeeping coaches in the game.

But it's not just professional keepers Cutler wants to improve, with his just4keepers goalkeeping academies launched to help all young glovesmen across the Midlands.

"Working with and improving young goalkeepers is something I really enjoy," said Wolverhampton-born Cutler.

"Ever since we launched just-4keepers it's gone from strength to strength and we now have seven academies that meet up across the West Midlands with a new one just starting in Cannock.

"It's my way of passing on my experience and knowledge of the game to young keepers and I try and make each session as fun as possible.

"But it also has that professional element to it. At Walsall I'm charged with making sure we continue to produce good young goalkeepers and having these academies helps." "

Four Four Two names Jackett as top dog

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has been named the best manager in the Football League by Four Four Two magazine.

The publication looked into the achievements of all managers plying their trade across the Championship, League One and League Two with Jackett coming out on top.

The 53-year-old was declared the winner thanks to his promotion achievements with former clubs Swansea and Millwall.

He was also praised for the way he led Wolves into the Championship and then to the brink of the play-offs last season.

The magazine voted Birmingham's Gary Rowett as the second best boss outside the Premier League following his success with the Blues after leaving Burton.

Lalkovic vow as he signs for Saddlers

MILAN LALKOVIC has vowed to pick up where he left off after re-joining Walsall.

The 22-year-old Slovakian became Dean Smith's third signing of the summer when he agreed a one-year deal with the Saddlers.

Lalkovic became a firm favourite with the fans when he spent the 2013/14 season at the Banks's on loan from Chelsea and came close to joining permanently 12 months ago following his release from Stamford Bridge.

Now, after a frustrating year which included fruitless spells in the Czech Republic with Mlada Boleslav and then back in League One with Barnsley, he is eager to make up for lost time.

"I just want to kick on again from where I left," he said.

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Delph U-turn angers Villa fans

VILLA have been left in turmoil with skipper Fabian Delph moving to Manchester City – after another stunning U-turn.

The 25-year-old skipper underwent a medical at City, less than a week after turning down an £8million switch and pledging his future to Villa and agreed a five-year deal in Manchester.

With Christian Benteke also closing in on a move to Liverpool, boss Tim Sherwood is facing up to life without his two most important players just three weeks before the start of the new Premier League season.

Without question, it is Delph's exit which will leave Sherwood and supporters with the bitterest of tastes in the mouth with many turning to social media to vent their fury at the betrayal. Last Saturday, the England international had silenced mounting speculation over his future by stating he would remain at Villa.

It has been reported Delph would move to City after they met the modest £8million release clause in his contract.

But after an change of heart and amid fury from fans, the club captain issued a statement via Villa's official website which read: "I'm aware there has been intense media speculation surrounding my future in the last 24 hours and I want to set the record straight.

"I'm not leaving. I'm staying at the football club and I can't wait for the start of the season and captaining this great football club."

Yesterday when a photo emerged apparently of Delph on his way to a medical in Manchester, it soon became apparent he had changed his mind once again, leaving fans furious at what they perceive as a double betrayal, after the player had previously stressed his "loyalty".

It was a miserable day all round for Villa, following news Liverpool had finally agreed to meet the £32.5m buyout clause in Benteke's contract. Reds chief executive Ian Ayrewill now continue discussions.

Jackett will trial new ways to push for Premier

KENNY JACKETT is to continue trialling Wolves' new formation in pre-season – as he looks to engineer a Plan B for their promotion charge.

Wolves lined up with a 4-3-1-2 system against Paris FC, playing with a midfielder behind the front two.

Jackett will be wary of avoiding a slump like the one seen last season when he admitted Wolves had been 'worked out' when they lost five on the spin.

That run arguably cost them a shot at automatic promotion, let alone the play-offs.

And Jackett said Wolves should take the example of champions Watford who regularly used two systems.

Of the new system, he said: "I won't be frightened to use it.

"I've used that diamond formation and I think it can give you some control through midfield.

"You have to have the right balance. We'll see if that works for us going forward. I wasn't disappointed in that particular game what it brought and I could see some possibilities.

"You do need two systems and hopefully we'll be able to go from on to the other and it be seamless and not disrupt your flow and actually improve the team."

Asked if playing 4-3-1-2 could help negate the loss of Bakary Sako, Jackett said: "Certainly if you can put one attacking midfield player behind the strikers with the responsibility to get goals, it is one way of hoping you can get a third player in that could score.

"I don't necessarily think we've got wide men who are going to get 15 goals."

Dicko does it for Wolves with one

Burton 0 Wolves 1

AS THINGS became decidedly unsettled off the field, the opposite was true for Wolves on it.

A regulation 1-0 victory, another clean sheet, some encouraging displays and 90 minutes under the belt for five players made this a successful day out for Kenny Jackett's team.

But with Wolves' squad still looking thin – even before James Henry's likely exit to Charlton – and Kevin McDonald's increasingly-ugly contract saga showing no signs of a conclusion, all is not rosy for Jackett.

McDonald's absence from the team, despite being named in the original squad for Wolves' first friendly on English soil this season, raised eyebrows before kick-off. And after the game Jackett confirmed McDonald was 'unsettled' and so had been left out.

It led Jackett to field the soon-to-be-loaned Lee Evans in a team he pledged would be his strongest possible, with Tommy Rowe and Michael Jacobs again given opportunities to stake claims for wide berths.

Most surprising of all in the team selection was Benik Afobe's starting position – essentially an advanced midfielder.

Diamond

After experimenting with a diamond formation in France, Jackett went 4-4-1-1 this time, but Afobe could pop up wherever he pleased.

His performance was the highlight of the afternoon. He was at the heart of Wolves' most attractive interplay, picked up the ball from deep and ran at Burton's defenders, and even sauntered back to defensive midfield to spray the ball around with comfortable assuredness.

Afobe also created the game's only goal, jumping on a defensive error before feeding Nouha Dicko, who coolly beat Burton keeper Jon McLaughlin.

The former Arsenal forward should have doubled the lead but hit the post when through on goal – a chance he will surely snaffle when fully match-sharp come season time.

Of Afobe's role, Jackett said: "I felt that Benik playing just behind Dicko is a threat.

"It gives him a little bit more licence to go wherever he feels. He wants to be able to go long and short, which is very important for us. "Him having that freedom in that role is a big thing."

Nouha Dicko of Wolverhampton Wanderers in action in the pre-season against Burton

A draw wouldn't have flattered newly-promoted League One side Burton hit the post in the second minute after Carl Ikeme dropped a regulation save and Wolves were indebted to some last-ditch blocks in the closing stages, particularly from substitutes Ethan Ebanks-Landell and Matt Doherty, in what was a clumsy end to the game.

A number of second-half substitutions led to Wolves looking 'disjointed', to use Jackett's post-match assessment, and this was where Wolves' squad depth was shown up. Elsewhere Tommy Rowe looked tidy on the left, Conor Coady was full of energy and bite in midfield and Richard Stearman and Kortney Hause formed a solid centre-back partnership.

Jackett now has just three games in which to fine-tune his team ready for a promotion charge..

Harriers hold their ground with draw against Blues

Harriers1 Blues1

ASSISTANT boss Mark Creighton was impressed by the way Kidderminster Harriers stepped up their preparations for the new season with a well-deserved draw against Birmingham City at Aggborough.

Blues used the friendly to field a different side in each half, but were still unable to tame Harriers, who produced an encouraging display in their build up to their National League campaign which opens with a tough home clash against Grimsby Town on August 8.

"I think we frustrated two really good Birmingham sides," said Creighton, whose team went ahead on 68 minutes through trialist Adam Dawson.

Gary Rowett's Blues equalised seven minutes from time when Shane Lowry powered home a header following a free-kick by Stephen Gleeson.

Creighton said: "It's a great credit to our boys that they didn't look like they were lacking any fitness. That tells us we have done the right things fitnesswise."

Harriers: Snedeker; Hodgkiss, Langmead (Tunnicliffe, 76), Rowe-Turner, Taylor (Kelly, 46); Verma, Clarke, Reffell (Green, 46), Dawson (Jones, 80); Reid (Sweeney, 66), Styche (Singh, 76). Subs not used: Hales, Bunn.

Blues (first-half): Legzdins, Eardley, Grounds, Spector, Robinson, Davis, Brown, Cotterill, Shinnie, Novak, Gray. Blues (second-half): Kuszczak, Caddis, Lowry, Morrison, Hancox, Gleeson, Griffiths, Arthur, Thomas, Maghoma, Donaldson. Subs not used: Trueman, O'Neill, Harding, Cooper.

Amavi aims to make an impact at Villa

NEW boy Jordan Amavi has expressed his desire to become a fans's favourite at Villa – as Christian Benteke's exit looms ever nearer.

Benteke was this week set to complete a medical ahead of his proposed £32.5million move to Liverpool.

Boss Tim Sherwood has already invested some of the cash from the sale of the 24-year-old Belgium striker to sign 21-year-old left-back Amavi from Nice for a fee believed to be in the region of £9million.

A France under-21 international, Amavi has set his sights firmly on success in the Premier League.

"I want to play well for this football club," he said. "I am determined to do that. I want to make rapid progress.

"I will be a decisive player."

Tividale take Hayes down in friendly

Heath Hayes 0 Tividale 2

HEATH Hayes gave as good as they got when they entertained EvoStik Division 1 Tividale.

It might have been a different scoreline if it hadn't have been for two fantastic saves from the Tividale keeper and a terrific shot from Ryan Burns blocked by a defender and Dan Scragg lifting the rebound over the bar

Tividale took an early lead when the ball rebounded of a Hayes' defender past Eden Taylor for an unfortunate own goal.

Tividale doubled their score when their centre forward was allowed to run freely through to beat Taylor.

Although Hayes matched Tividale they could not find that goalscoring touch needed to get something out of a match.

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Club must wait to get Grigg cash

BOSS Dean Smith has warned Walsall fans they will have to wait before seeing the cash received following Will Grigg's move from Brentford to Wigan.

The former Saddlers star made the switch to the League One title favourites last week for a fee in the region of £1 million.

Grigg left the Banks's for a tribunal-set £325,000 in 2013 with the deal including a sell-on clause that would net Walsall 20 per cent of any profit Brentford made if the Northern Ireland international was sold to another club. It means Walsall are now bracing themselves for a six-figure windfall.

But Smith said the club is not in a position to immediately invest that money into the team.

"The money for that transfer won't strengthen our hand straight away," he said. "We get a percentage of the profit but there are a lot of variables in deals like this

"The agreement between Brentford and Wigan will be over a few years and it means we get our money when Brentford get their money.""There won't be a large sum of money transferred over to us straight away, football just doesn't work like that.

"The good news though is that we now have money coming in that we hadn't budgeted for, that will help us in the future."

Meanwhile, Smith was delighted with his players after he took them on a team bonding trip to North Wales last week.

As well as being put through their paces by fitness coach Jon Whitney, the players also climbed Mount Snowdon and got in some kayaking.

"Wales was really good," Smith said. "We may have been there for only a few days but it felt like a week with everything we got done."

Jackett will trial new ways to help push for Premier

KENNY JACKETT is to continue trialling Wolves' new formation in pre-season – as he looks to engineer a Plan B for their promotion charge.

Wolves lined up with a 4-3-1-2 system against Paris FC, playing with a midfielder behind the front two.

Jackett will be wary of avoiding a slump like the one seen last season when he admitted Wolves had been 'worked out' when they lost five on the spin.

That run arguably cost them a shot at automatic promotion, let alone the playoffs.

And Jackett said Wolves should take the example of champions Watford who regularly used two systems.

Of the new system, he said: "I won't be frightened to use it.

"I've used that diamond formation and I think it can give you some control through midfield.

"You have to have the right balance. We'll see if that works for us going forward. I wasn't disappointed in that particular game what it brought and I could see some possibilities.

"You do need two systems."

Cannock cricketers have a good run

Cannock 1sts 314 for 5 Swindon 1sts 130 for 6
Winning draw Cannock

CANNOCK posted the imposing total of 314-5 with Wes Marshall scoring an impressive128 helped along by Will Fleet who knocked up74 and Andy Lefeaver who reached 50no but eventually had to settle for the winning draw.

In reply Swindon never looked like trying to chase down their target and careful batting saw them close their innings on 130-6 , Ed Fleet was on form taking 2-40.

Cannock 2nds 172 Swindon 2nds 173-2
Swindon won by 8 wickets

Batting first, Cannock were only able to score 172 with John Cooke (63) being the top scorer for his team. In reply Swindon made a good start and never looked back making sure they reached their target in the 38th over.

Cannock 3rds 260-6 Wednesbury 3rds 135
Cannock won by 125 runs

Cannock extended their winning run to four games claiming a big win over their opponents of the dayWednesbury.

Batting first, the scoring of Kev Pearce (68) and Jamie Hill (60) went a long way to helping Cannock reach 260-6 from their 50 overs.

In reply Wednesbury began to lose wickets steadily and were eventually all out for 135.

Notably Albert Thompson taking 4-37 with two wickets each for Ant Wood and Paul Greenfield.

Cannock 4ths 64 for 6 Tamworth 4ths 62 all out
Cannock won by 4 wickets

In a relatively low scoring game Tamworth were dismissed for just 62, this came thanks to the play of Tom Hinks's 7-19 and Matt Osbornes 2-3.

Cannock reached their target in the 26th over despite losing six wickets, Emma Smith top scoring with 12.

Cricket

SIX GOAL SAGA DOWN TO WIRE

AFC Wulfrunians 3 Hednesford Town 3

HEDNESFORD Town continued their pre-season campaign with a high-scoring affair against AFC Wulfrunians.

Following the previous 1-1 draw against Walsall Wood, Rob Smith's side took on opposition from the Midland Premier League for the second game in succession.

There were a total of four changes from the first game with Jon Adams and Tom France coming into the side alongside two trialists in Tyrone Williams and Sean Williams.

It was the Pitmen that would open the scoring in just the fifth minute as Paul Ennis swept home a free kick from 20 yards out.

The home side responded well though and were soon enought level in the 17th minute when a good ball down the right saw the Wulfs' winger pick out Ricky Anslow who made no mistake from 12 yards.It would be three minutes into the second half before the next goal arrived as the home team were awarded a penalty following a foul by goalkeeper Dave Parton.

Up stepped former Hednesford midfielder Jake Sedgemore to slot home from the penalty spot to make it 2-1.

Pinpoint

Following a flurry of quick substitutions Hednesford drew themselves level on the night as one of those replacements, Andy Todd, picked out Ennis with a pinpoint cross and the striker headed home into the net on the hour mark.

Two minutes from time Smith's side thought they had scored the goal which had won the game when Stan Mugisha rifled home.

It wasn't to be the end of the scoring though, as with virtually the last kick of the game, the home team's Jake King broke clear before rounding Parton and slotting home into an empty net to deny the visitors a victory.

Hednesford Town 2 Chasetown 0

GOALS from Marvin Robinson and Paul Ennis gave Hednesford a 2-0 pre-season home win against Chasetown. But the Pitmen had keeper Dave Parton to blame – and thank – at 1-0. He conceded a penalty but promptly saved it.

Single score sinks the Saddlers

James O'Connor for Walsall clearing the ball from Dave Hibbert of AFC Telford

AFC Telford 1 Walsall 0

WALSALL slipped to a disappointing 1-0 defeat to AFC Telford in their pre-season friendly at the New Bucks Head.

Despite dominating possession for long spells, a 43rd minute Jordan Goddard penalty was enough to seal the tie.

Boss Dean Smith will be pleased with the way his side managed to control proceedings but will be left disappointed with his sides' lack of cutting edge.

Surprisingly, the manager named a squad bereft of any trialists despite striker John Cofie and midfielder Zac Thompson spending time with the club in recent weeks. It meant Walsall lined up in a familiar 4-2-3-1 formation which included Jordan Cook up front, Craig MacGillivray in goal and Liam Kinsella in central midfield.

And it was the Saddlers who dominated the early stages with Cook seeing a curling strike from the edge of the box well saved by James Montgomery inside 10 minutes.

Before kick-off it was announced there would be rounds of applause in the 19th, 49th and 78th minutes in memory of Walsall fans Joel Richards, Adrian Evans and Patrick Evans – the three Saddlers fans killed in the Tunisia terrorist attacks.

McCarey is given ban but can play

WOLVES goalkeeper Aaron McCarey has vowed to make the most of his "second chance" now he is once again free to play.

The 23-year-old has been suspended for four months by the FA, after testing positive for a non-performance enhancing substance.

But with the ban backdated to April 21 – the date of the original suspension – and the rest suspended for two years, the shotstopper is once again available for selection and was due to make his return for the under-21s at Corby Town.

McCarey, who stated throughout he had not knowingly taken the substance, admits he feared at one stage his career might be over.

He said: "It is a second chance, if you like and I am really grateful to have it.

"At one point I thought my career was finished. It has been a long three months."

McCarey added: "I understand some fans will always have a question and maybe not believe I am saying."

And he said: "I'm sorry the good name of the club has been dragged into this situation but hopefully this will draw a line under it and we can move on."

The ruling followed an FA investigation following the failed test.

Wolves head coach Kenny Jackett said: "Aaron has maintained all along that he has no idea how the drug entered his system.

"Medical and scientific analysis, commissioned by the Professional Footballers' Association on behalf of Aaron, and including a hair follicle test requested by the player himself, also showed that the trace amount was very small and backed up Aaron's statement."

Yeung is facing more legal action

JAILED formerBlues owner Carson Yeung is facing further legal action over allegations he and other officials wrongfully claimed more than £6.3million in expenses during his reign at St Andrews.

The receivers in charge of the club's parent company, Birmingham International Holdings, issued a statement to the Hong Kong stock exchange confirming they had launched action against Yeung, together with former Blues director Peter Pannu and two companies, Asia Rays Ltd and Amazing Top International Enterprises Ltd. They are claiming for HK$3.7m (£305,000) from Asia Rays and/or Yeung.

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